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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: DOUGLAS H. PAAL *DHP*

SUBJECT: Micronesia Interagency Group

State has asked (Tab A) that you confirm recent decisions of the Micronesia Interagency Group. These include:

- renaming the group The Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs, reflecting the change of status in Micronesia; (FYI: Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Marshalls are the "FAS." Palau still to be completed.)
- abolishing the position of President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations and disestablishing the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations; (FYI: Ambassador Fred Zeder has returned to private life.)
- instructing the new Office of Freely Associated State Affairs to carry out the responsibilities of the former office.

These decisions are essentially matters of conformance to the legislation and did not prompt inter-agency disagreement. For your information, Interior will control the purse strings of our assistance to the islands, under the Compact of Free Association, whereas State will be responsible for policy and day to day relations. This is certain to create problems down the road, but they are distinct from the decisions you are being asked to confirm at this time.

JK
Jim Kelly concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize the memo from Grant Green to Melvyn Levitsky confirming the decisions of the Micronesia Interagency Group (Tab I).

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Levitsky
Tab A State memo

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