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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

May 7, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: JAMES A. KELLY *JK*

SUBJECT: Interagency Group on Freely Associated State
Affairs

State has determined that the Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs should replace the Counselor as the chair for IG's on the Freely Associated States. State will also designate a Principal Officer to chair SIG meetings, when required. Interior and Defense concur in these changes.

At Tab I is a memo from Grant Green to Levitsky, confirming the changes.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the memo at Tab I.

Approve *GJK* Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I Green memo to Levitsky
- Tab ~~II~~ State memo to NSC, April 23, 1987
- Tab ~~III~~ NSC memo to State, February 19, 1987
- Tab ~~IV~~ State memo to NSC, February 13, 1987

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April 23, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Interagency Group on Freely Associated
State Affairs

By memorandum of February 19, 1987 (Tab A), the National Security Council confirmed the decisions taken by the Interagency Group on Micronesia at its January 14, 1987 meeting (Tab B) including the decision that the Counselor of the Department of State will chair the new Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs. For management reasons, the Secretary of State has determined that the Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs will be chaired by the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. A Principal Officer of the Department will chair any senior interagency group meetings on subjects referred to it by the Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs. This determination is consistent with the understandings reached by the Interagency Group at its January 14 meeting.

Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab A. NSC to S/S Memo, February 19, 1987
on Micronesia Interagency Group.
- Tab B. S/S to NSC Memo of February 13, 1987
on Micronesia Interagency Group.

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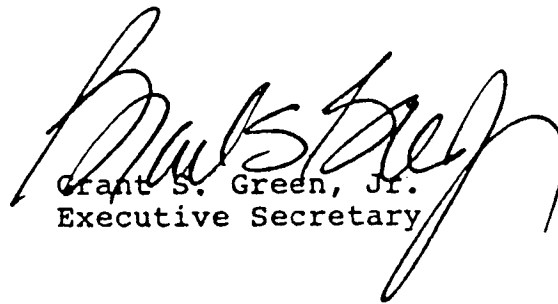
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February 19, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MELVYN LEVITSKY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Micronesia Interagency Group

The National Security Council hereby confirms the decisions taken by the Interagency Group on Micronesia on January 14, including the termination of that group and the initiation of The Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs. (8)



Grant S. Green, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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February 13, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
THE WHITE HOUSE

On January 14, the Interagency Group on Micronesia met under the chairmanship of State Department Counselor Edward Derwinski. This was the termination meeting of the Micronesia Interagency Group and the initial meeting of the Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs, which was formed pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. 12569 of October 16, 1986. The former Micronesia Interagency Group was directed in NSDD-246 to effect the administrative arrangements necessary to implement the Compact of Free Association and the post-trusteeship management aspects related to the Compact. Those decisions are attached hereto for your confirmation.

Melvyn Levitsky
Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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DECISIONS OF MICRONESIA INTERAGENCY GROUP
JANUARY 14 MEETING

1. That the Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs (Interagency Group No. 5) is established with the membership set forth in Executive Order No 12569. The Counselor of the Department of State is the Principal Officer of the Department who shall chair that Group. Until otherwise directed, the Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs shall report through the SIG-FP, discharge the responsibilities set out in Executive Order No. 12569 and provide policy direction and guidance for the completion of the political status negotiations with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

2. That the Director and the Office of Freely Associated State Affairs established pursuant to Executive Order No. 12569 in the Department of State shall carry out the responsibilities of the former President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations and the former Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations with respect to the freely associated states and Palau under the direction and guidance of the Interagency Group on Freely Associated State Affairs and pursuant to NSDD-10 and NSDD-246, which directives shall otherwise remain in effect.

3. That the position of President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations is abolished immediately and that the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations is dis-established effective March 31, 1987.

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HICOTT SAIPAN"

June 18, 1987

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with deep regret and yet with deep self-satisfaction that I submit my resignation as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Five years and seven months ago, you honored me by appointing me to that prestigious position. My instructions were to work diligently toward termination of the High Commissioner's Office and the Trusteeship. As of July 10, the High Commissioner's Office will be abolished. The few remaining responsibilities will be handled by the Department of Interior in Washington.

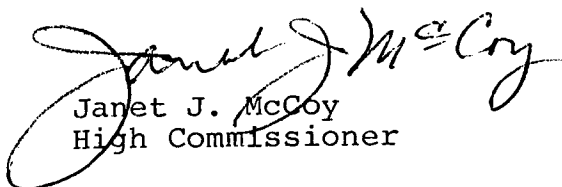
Out of the Trust Territory have emerged two self-governing constitutional governments, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, which have chosen Free Association with the United States under a Compact. Also, the Northern Mariana Islands are now a full-fledged United States Commonwealth. The Republic of Palau hopes to implement its political status satisfactorily in the near future. All four have emerged as full-fledged democracies with self-elected leaders and governments.

In short, Mr. President, I feel your goals have been accomplished. None of it would have happened without the strong leadership of your administration. Your constant support and dedication to the highest of ideals and purposes of government have been an inspiration.

We go back a long way, Mr. President: all the way to 1966 on your first campaign, through service in your administration as Governor of California, and on every campaign since then until my appointment as High Commissioner in 1981.

Words cannot express the privilege and honor I have felt to have been a part of your administration and to have served you all these years. My pride knows no bounds. Thank you.

With warm affection for you and Mrs. Reagan,


Janet J. McCoy
High Commissioner