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Presidential Directive/NSC-34

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Attorney General
The Secretary of Interior
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Transportation
The United States Representative to the
United Nations
The Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations (U)

In pursuit of the objectives set forth in PD/NSC-11 (May 5, 1977), the President has authorized the U.S. negotiator to seek the agreement of the Micronesian delegations to free association arrangements embodying these principles:

1. An agreement of free association will be concluded on a government-to-government basis and executed prior to termination of the United Nations trusteeship.

2. The agreement of free association will be put to a U.N. observed plebiscite in which the peoples of Micronesia shall freely exercise their right of self determination.

3. The peoples of Micronesia will enjoy full internal self-government.

4. Constitutional arrangements for the governance of Micronesia shall be in accord with the political status of free association as set forth in these principles.

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5. The United States will have full authority and responsibility for security and defense matters in or relating to Micronesia, including the establishment of necessary military facilities and the exercise of appropriate operating rights. The peoples of Micronesia will refrain from actions which the U.S. determines to be incompatible with its authority and responsibility for security and defense matters in or relating to Micronesia. This authority and responsibility will be assured for 15 years, and thereafter as mutually agreed. Specific land arrangements will remain in effect according to their terms which shall be negotiated prior to the end of the Trusteeship Agreement.

6. Consistent with the status of free association, the peoples of Micronesia will have authority and responsibility for their foreign affairs including marine resources. They will consult with the United States in the exercise of this authority and will refrain from actions which the United States determines to be incompatible with its authority and responsibility for security and defense matters in or relating to Micronesia. The United States may agree to act on behalf of the peoples of Micronesia in the area of foreign affairs as may be mutually agreed from time to time.

7. The agreement will permit unilateral termination of the free association political status by the processes through which it was entered and set forth in the agreement and subject to the continuation of the United States defense authority and responsibility as set forth in Principle 5.

8. Should the United States terminate the free association relationship, its economic assistance to Micronesia shall continue at the levels and for the term initially agreed. If the agreement is otherwise terminated, the United States shall no longer be obligated to provide the amounts of economic assistance for the remainder of the term initially agreed. United States economic assistance shall be subject to the appropriation authority of its Congress.

Aside from the modifications contained in these principles, the negotiating guidelines contained in PD/NSC-11 remain in force.

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