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CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Addendum to the outline of conditions prepared
by the Secretariat (T/L.769)

Note: The Drafting Committee has approved the following amendments in the light of the statements made in the Council by the Special Representative of the Administering Authority and of the draft recommendations already accepted by the Drafting Committee.

1. Add the following after paragraph 2:

"At its twentieth session, the Council was informed that a Deputy High Commissioner for the Trust Territory had been appointed."

2. Replace the last sentence of paragraph 12 by the following:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative stated that the Rongelap people would shortly return to their home atoll which was considered to be safe for habitation. He added that during May 1957 construction was begun on the atoll of a new and complete village, including houses, a school, a church, a dispensary building, canoe sheds and cisterns. In addition, adequate financial resources had been set aside which would permit a gradual readjustment of the Rongelapese to their previous subsistence pattern of life without causing them any hardship following their return. In order to enable them to establish ready radio contact with the Marshall Islands radio network, a radio station would be established on Rongelap.

"The latest annual medical examination of the people of Rongelap and Utirik, carried out in 1957, showed them to be in good health and without perceivable, lasting effects of the radio-active fallout. In addition to the normal medical examinations of all persons from these atolls, five of them recently volunteered to undergo special refined testings at the Argonnes National Laboratory near Chicago. These special tests supported the general examination results that the people had recovered fully and were in excellent health."

3. Delete the second part of paragraph 13 beginning with the sentence on line 7 "During the year under review ..." and replace by the following:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative stated that a week-long Micronesian Leaders' Conference was held on Guam in August 1956 whose representatives had been elected by representative organs in each district of the Territory. Because of the success of this conference, where common problems were discussed, a similar inter-district conference had been scheduled to be held in August 1957. He stated further that the growing interest of districts in common problems was demonstrated during the past year by the increasing number of observers who attended congress sessions in districts other than their own. The Administering Authority, while considering that such conferences are valuable in developing territorial consciousness, feeling of unity and awareness of common problems, does not expect that conferences forthcoming in the succeeding years shall serve as immediate forerunners of an area-wide political body."

4. Add the following new paragraph at the end of paragraph 13:

"During the year under review, a judicial conference of Micronesian judges and clerks of courts from each district was held in September 1956 at which a series of recommendations was made for improvements in the work of courts. An inter-district conference of managers of chartered trading companies and another of Trust Territory agriculturalists was in each case attended by a number of Micronesians."

5. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 16:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative informed the Council that the Administering Authority began the planning of a systematic programme of chartering municipalities throughout the Territory. In addition to two municipalities of the Saipan District which had already been chartered, four major municipalities in other districts were expected to receive formal charters by the end of June 1957. Target dates for chartering the remaining ninety-six municipalities had not been completely determined, but according to present plans nine additional major municipalities were expected to be chartered by the end of 1957, sixteen by the end of 1958 and five by the end of the fiscal year 1959."

6. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 20:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative informed the Council that an official charter for a Truk District Congress had been prepared and that, if implemented according to schedule, this district-wide Congress would hold its first session later in 1957."

7. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 27:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative stated that during the past two years the American agricultural staff of the Territory had been more than doubled and that a much-needed plant pathologist had been recruited."

8. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 29:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative stated that, during the year under review, additional land had been made available under the homesteading programme to Micronesians living in Truk and the Marshall Islands."

9. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 40:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative reported that new hospitals for Truk and Yap were completed; construction at Koror was partially completed; construction was being done at Ebeye and Kusaie; a similar out-island hospital for Jaluit Atoll was scheduled to be in operation in Jabor by the end of 1958."

10. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 43:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative informed the Council that three Micronesian medical practitioners, two graduate nurses, one laboratory technician and one sanitarian were receiving advanced training in Hawaii. During the year starting July 1956, an advanced course in anaesthesia for selected trainees at the Guam Naval Hospital was planned for and a refresher course in sanitation was completed for thirty-four public health employees."

11. Delete the last sentence of paragraph 44 and substitute the following:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative informed the Council that this programme was initiated, that all tuberculosis-free inhabitants of the Territory were being examined and vaccinated, and that the actual in-patient load of active tuberculosis had decreased somewhat because of persistent treatment of cases at hospitals and dispensaries."

12. In the second sentence of paragraph 46, replace the number "10,812" by "10,835", and insert the number "197" after the words "enrolled in".

13. In the fifth sentence of paragraph 46, replace the number "223" by "225" and the words in parenthesis "thirty-one" by "twenty-nine".

14. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 50:

"At the twentieth session, the special representative reported that a specialist had made a survey of local facilities for production of educational materials and that this report would shortly be available."

15. Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 52:

"In this connexion the special representative informed the Council at its twentieth session that an additional public intermediate school would be established at Kusaie in June 1957."