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ADDENDUM

Note: The Drafting Committee in the Trust Territory of Nauru has approved the following additions and amendments to the material contained in document T/L.771 to take into account such additional information as became available during the examination by the Council of conditions in the Territory or was required to clarify certain other points in the light of these discussions.

II. POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT

Development of representative, executive and legislative organs and the extension of their powers

Page 3: Replace paragraph 12 by the following:

"12. The Administering Authority informed the Trusteeship Council at its twentieth session, that everything possible was being, and would continue to be, done to educate the members of the Local Government Council in their responsibilities and duties and to encourage that body to exercise its powers increasingly. So far, despite the efforts of the Administering Authority, the Local Government Council had exercised only a portion of the powers granted to it and its work tended to be delayed by the practice of its members of consulting their constituents before taking decisions on controversial matters. As soon as the Local Government Council exercised its powers to the full, the Administering Authority would gladly consider increasing its powers and facilitating its further development."

Public services, training and appointment of indigenous persons for positions of responsibility in the Administration

Page 5: In paragraph 20, add the following text at the end of the paragraph:

"The Administering Authority assured the Council, at its twentieth session, that it was the established policy of the Administering Authority

to work towards the introduction of Nauruan personnel into increasingly high positions in the Administration and in the British Phosphate Commission. As training programmes now being actively pursued provide Nauruans with technical knowledge for responsible posts, more of them would be appointed. Much would depend, however, on the willingness and ability of the Nauruans to assimilate instruction and shoulder additional responsibilities."

III. ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

General

Page 5: In paragraph 24, add the following text at the end of the paragraph:

"It informed the Council, at the latter's twentieth session, that everything possible was being done in this respect, despite difficulties which had been encountered. Continued efforts were also being made in the search for suitable subterranean water supplies to permit the establishment of an agricultural experimental station. So far these efforts had not been successful and it was proposed to sink deep bore holes through the plateau in the hope of tapping a lease of fresh water."

Public finance: development of adequate public revenue

Page 6: In paragraph 28, the third sentence should be amended to read: This totalled £195,148 as of 31 March 1957", and the last five words of the paragraph should be amended to read "which amounted to £185,308 as of 31 March 1957."

Land Tenure

Page 8: In paragraph 36, the eighth line should be amended to read as follows:

"... station land was still being considered and pending a decision, any royalties on phosphate extracted from this land would be paid into a special trust fund. The question of the air strip had been ..."

IV. SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

Public health

Page 12: Paragraph 51 should be replaced by the following text:

"51. The Public Health Department had a staff of forty-three persons at 30 June 1956, an increase of twelve over the preceding year. This included four Europeans (Government medical officer-in-charge, dental officer, matron and mother-craft nurse), four Nauruans registered medical practitioners, graduates of the assistant medical practitioners' course at Suva, Fiji, and thirty-five other Nauruans."

Page 13: In paragraph 54, the second sentence should be amended to read as follows:

"The Council was informed at its twentieth session that a medical survey team of the New South Wales Anti-Tuberculosis Association was in the Territory to assist in a general campaign which would involve the examination and treatment of every member of the population."

V. EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

General

Page 14: In paragraph 59, at the end of the second sentence, add the following:

"... and at 31 March 1957, thirty-six were attending Australian schools and three were studying at the Central Medical School at Suva, Fiji."

Page 15: In paragraph 62, the last sentence should be amended to read as follows:

"One student completed a full teacher-training course in Australia in 1956 and another commenced a course in 1957."

Page 15: In paragraph 64, the first sentence should be amended to read as follows:

"It considered that at present the small number of pupils at the higher secondary level made it impractical to consider establishing education to matriculation standards on Nauru, but this would be done as soon as the student numbers were sufficient to justify it."
