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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence

SUBJECT : Proposed National Intelligence Estimate
on the Pacific Island Area

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 24 August 1962,
same subject, to Director, Central
Intelligence Agency

1. In view of the inordinately heavy USIB estimative workload over the next several months, I think we might best pursue this matter in the context of the quarterly revision of the Estimates Program which the USIB will be taking up later this month.

2. Your memorandum has been transmitted to the Secretary USIB for appropriate action.

USAF review(s)
completed.

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFGIN

SUBJECT: Proposed National Intelligence Estimate on the Pacific Island Area (U)

TO: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

1. I believe it would be appropriate to consider, at this time, the preparation of a Special National Intelligence Estimate on the Pacific Island Areas i.e., Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia with particular reference to the security aspects of the region. Such a special estimate could include the following geographical regions:

(1) The Trust Territories administered by the U.S., U.K., Australia, New Zealand and France.

(2) The British Solomon Islands

(3) Those territories within the area bound by 10 degrees north latitude, 28 degrees south latitude, 160 degrees east longitude and 120 degrees west longitude.

2. In addition to consideration of security aspects the special estimate would review the present and potential interest in the region of the Sino-Soviet Bloc and possibly the Afro-Asian States, either directly or through the United Nations; the problem of political and economic development as well as ethnic differences; and current as well as future prospects for these Territories.

3. I have been concerned for some time over indications of increased Bloc interest in the South Pacific areas and the Soviet presence in Indonesia highlights this concern. In connection with the proposed Special Estimate I understand that an ad hoc intergovernmental Study Group is looking into the problems of the Pacific Island area and I believe an estimate of this type would, if completed soon, be of substantial value to that group. I therefore recommend that a special estimate on the Pacific Island Areas be scheduled for mid-November or early December 1962.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Air Force Proposal for an SNIE
on the Pacific Island Area

1. We see no justification for the estimate General Breitweiser proposes, especially at a time of heavy estimative commitments up and down the line. As far as we can determine, the various territories involved have little in common beyond occupying the same general area on the globe, there is no marked Soviet interest in the area, and there is little likely to happen by way of internal developments which would occasion any great interest here or elsewhere outside the area. If there is interest in the Pacific area it is presumably on the part of military planners who are in a far better position than the intelligence community as a whole to discuss the security aspects of the situation and on the part of the administrators of US territories who are far more knowledgeable than the intelligence community on their problems.

2. Attached is a draft reply to General Breitweiser which in effect turns him down but invites him to reraise the issue in the Estimates Program exercise should he wish to do so.

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Assistant Director
National Estimates

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