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D. The Marianas (Tinian, Saipan, Rota, etc.) join with Guam in US territorial status; the trusteeship is continued for the remainder of the TTPI.

a. Advantages

1. Advantages of alternate C would apply to area remaining under Trusteeship; in general, same as alternate C, but provides insurance that most important land area - the Marianas, vital to security of Guam - will join with US. Of 18,771 acres in the TTPI in a military "use" or "retention" status, almost 14,000 (74%) are in the Marianas.
2. Qualified by temporary aspects of trusteeship, satisfies US defense requirements: exclude foreign powers throughout territory; permanent acquisition of the Marianas.
3. Would satisfy desires of both the Marianas and Guam. (Another formal poll of the people concerned on this question is scheduled in these areas in November 1969).
4. Could serve as incentive for other districts to get on "bandwagon," particularly if Marianas given favored treatment after joining Guam.

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5. Permits continued use of important facilities in Marshalls (Kwajalein, Eniwetok) at no additional expense to US.

b. Disadvantages

1. Presents the State Department with a problem in defending in the UN our action in splitting apart the TTPI; however, this is manageable at such time as Guam is "self-governing" by virtue of an elected governor.
2. Would be strongly opposed by Micronesian leadership in districts other than Marianas.
3. Other than in Marianas, additional disadvantages listed in alternative C also would be applicable; divisive influences might be accentuated by "forced" continuation of trusteeship.

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