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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Report on Cabinet Meeting - March 23, 1971

Decentralization

Proposed by Distads, Cabinet members sort of disapproved the proposal and it was tabled. HiCom has not decided on it yet. More will be discussed on this at the next meeting.

Fire Arms

On Friday, March 19th, a student was shot and killed. After this incident, the Attorney General was surprised when he found out how many (700) weapons are registered here in the Marianas District.

Here in the Marianas, any type of weapon could be possessed as long as it is registered. There are two pending bills on fire arms control in Congress now. One in the Senate and another in the House. They are to be brought together as one bill.

Some officers who were present at the Cabinet Meeting suggested that weapons should be prohibited since they are mostly for killing, and hardly any for hunting. They said there isn't any use having deadly weapons around. A counterpart also suggested that the Department of Public Safety should store these weapons and upon needs of the individuals for these weapons, they will be signed out for. It was planned to have more discussions on this at the next meeting.

During the meeting youths who participated were introduced. Decentralization and fire arms control were the two topics mostly discussed. There will be further discussions on both topics in the forthcoming meetings.

Enclosed is a copy of the Distad's memo on decentralization.

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