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Memorandum

To: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial Affairs  
From: Director, Office for Micronesian Status Negotiation  
Subject: Request for Information

In connection with Position III of the negotiating scenario, it would be desirable for us to have the views of the Department of the Interior on some of the contingencies that may arise if we deal with the Marianas separately from the other five Districts.

I would like to ask you to arrange for a paper to be drafted that addresses the following points (and/or others that I haven't thought of):

1. What are the U.S. preferences for the Marianas, and why? Since we have considerable latitude in the Scenario we need guidance on whether we would want an entirely separate Marianas, or one affiliated with Guam.
2. What form of Association would we prefer: Territorial, or Commonwealth as envisaged in May 1970, or some simpler form of Commonwealth geared to the circumstance that we are dealing with only one District?
3. What would be the preference of the Marianas? And of the people of Guam?
4. A summary of past expressions of opinion by the leaders and people of the Marianas, and also of Guam.

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