

Third, we could go to the Justice Department where the registration statements are required to be on public display. We could examine these records to determine if anyone else has registered for the Pacific Trust Territory, such as people associated with the Marianas Air Lines or other groups in the Marianas. We could also look at the records to see how onerous the reporting requirements seem to be in practice.

Fourth, I could continue research on the legislative histories of the Act. Particularly, I could get the records for 1938 and 1966. However, it is not clear how productive this time-consuming research could be.

RECOMMENDATION:

That we pursue the further research in the order given above, maybe pursuing only the first one or two items.

POSTSCRIPT -- 12/20

I will wait for your guidance before proceeding further with research on this issue.

Your debriefing yesterday and the meeting with Chapman today impress on me the desire of the Marianas to remain closely associated with the U.S. This suggests that, unless you decide the Act requires you to register,