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MEMORANDUM

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From: Chairman, Interagency Group

Subj: Establishment of Working Group on Economics and Finance for  
Marianas Status Negotiations

My memorandum of July 18, 1973, referred to a joint working group on legal matters for the Marianas status negotiations. The joint communique issued in Saipan on June 4, 1973, also called for the establishment of a joint working group on economics and finance, with terms of reference as set forth in the communique.

This second working group is expected to begin meeting next month. Messrs. James Leonard and Howard Willens, economic and legal counsels respectively of the Marianas Status Commission, are expected to head the Marianas working group. Meetings may take place both in Washington and Saipan.

Ambassador Williams has asked Mr. Solomon Silver, formerly of AID and now with OMSN to chair the U.S. working group; this office will also be represented by Mr. Harmon Kirby.

The Marianas Political Status Commission has submitted for discussion its views on the near term U.S. economic assistance required to facilitate an orderly transition to a new political status; provide essential economic and social infrastructure; and lay the groundwork for long term economic growth on a self-sustaining basis.

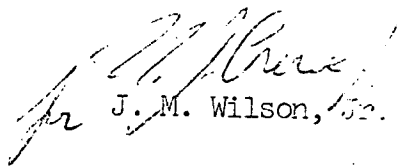
The presentation outlines budgetary requirements, including a proposal for a wage policy; social and economic infrastructure projects deemed urgent; and a proposal for an economic development fund to stimulate new investment in productive enterprises.

In preparation for participation in joint discussion, it will be necessary for our working group to analyze available economic and financial data, develop views on the Marianas' proposal, and prepare suggestions for U.S. government consideration.

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To this end, I would appreciate it if State, Interior and Defense could make available representatives to serve on the working group to assist in this effort. It would be helpful if the representatives were not only cognizant of current economic activities and future plans of their agency in the Marianas but also experienced in the general field of economic planning. The planned future activities of the DOD are particularly relevant to this exercise and the working group will want to take into account the economic impact of such activities.

Your selection of representatives as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

  
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