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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN GORDON SCHULLER, USN  
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MR. PHILIP E. BARRINGER  
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SUBJECT: Political Relationship Between the United States and  
the Marianas.

The undated paper dealing with the United States options with respect to the political relationship between the United States and the Marianas contains "CONS" at page 4 (no. 5) and at page 7 (no. 4) which state that the United States would not meet its obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement in the event that the Marianas become part of Guam or become an unincorporated territory of the United States.

The language in the Trusteeship Agreement refers to bringing the peoples of the Trust Territories to self-government or independence. This language means that they might having reached self-government seek to associate themselves with the United States or they might seek the form of self-government afforded the peoples of the United States as applied in Guam or in an unincorporated territory.

For these reasons I believe that the United States proposal would not be inconsistent with the aforementioned requirements of the Trusteeship Agreement and therefore these "CONS" be deleted.

SIGNED

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