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MEMORANDUM

From: The President's Personal Representative for Micronesian

Status Negotiations

To: Chairman, NSC Under Secretaries Committee

Subj: Negotiations on the Future Political Status of the Mariana

Islands District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

By memorandum of December 26, 1972, the Chairman of the Under Secretaries Committee requested that the Interagency Group be instructed to conduct and submit to the Under Secretaries Committee a study of "Options and Recommendations for the negotiation of a permanent association with the Marianas, together with a negotiating strategy and recommendations for necessary legislation and necessary executive action". It was further requested that new negotiating instructions be developed and forwarded with the study for Presidental approval.

Attached for your consideration is the study on this subject prepared by the Interagency Group, together with a recommended set of negotiating instructions.

For convenience the first section is a summary of the study, including its principal recommendations.

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