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MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD WILLENS

SUBJECT: Timing of Marianas Negotiations

The South Sea tradewinds have wafted in a little relief for us on scheduling. Jim Leonard called me today and reported that, during a telephone discussion he had yesterday with Capt. Crowe on other issues, Crowe mentioned that Ambassador Williams and Edward Pangelinan had had a phone conversation on Friday afternoon regarding the scheduling of the Marianas talks. As Crowe related it to Leonard, there are tentative plans for Williams and Pangelinan to meet in San Francisco for a brief discussion on April 1. The Marianas then plans an "in-house review" starting on April 23. The formal negotiations were scheduled to begin on May 7.

Leonard sent a cable to Pangelinan yesterday asking for confirmation of the dates. Leonard promised to phone me as soon as he gets a response.

Other items:

1. A gentle reminder. Did you send the memo on the Congressional hearings to Jim Leonard?
2. Since we discussed on Thursday the question of your appearing before the American Society of International

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Law, I have been unable to contact Jim Nofsiger (sp?).  
With this new information about the dates, the question  
arises again whether or not you want to be a speaker on  
April 12 at the American Society meeting here in Washington.  
Do you want me still to decline the invitation, or shall  
you or I gladly accept in your behalf?

Barry Carter *BC*