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TO:           The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
               The Assistant to the President for  
               National Security Affairs  
               The Director of Central Intelligence  
               The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
               The Deputy Attorney General  
               The Under Secretary of the Interior  
               Mr. James Wilson, Jr., Office of Micronesian  
               Status Negotiations, Department of the  
               Interior  
               The Assistant Director, Office of Management,  
               and Budget

SUBJECT:   Negotiations on the Future Status of the  
               Marianas

By memorandum dated December 26, 1972, Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams was requested to have the Interagency Group for Micronesian Status Negotiations prepare and submit to the Under Secretaries Committee, for transmittal to the President, options and recommendations for the negotiation of a permanent association with the Marianas, together with a negotiating strategy and recommendations for legislation and executive action.

Ambassador Williams has now submitted the attached study in response to that request. The study sets forth specific options with regard to:

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- The nature of the future political relationship (pages ii-iv of the summary, 13-18 of the paper).
- U.S. land requirements (pages v-ix of the summary, 26-34 of the paper).
- Financial arrangements (page ix of the summary, 42-45 of the paper).
- Land and relocation costs (pages x-xi of the summary, 45-48 of the paper).
- Methods of implementing an agreement (pages xii-xiii of the summary, 52-54 of the paper).

The recommendations of Ambassador Williams and the Interagency Group on these options, as well as on the associated questions of negotiating objectives, action to be taken in the event of interference from the Congress of Micronesia, and termination of the Trusteeship, are given on pages xviii-xxi of the summary and pages 64-66 of the paper. Finally, draft instructions for Ambassador Williams are given on pages xxi-xxvi of the summary.

Please have your comments and/or concurrence telephoned to Mr. Harvey Feldman at 632-9306 by cob March 29, 1973. Advance copies of the study were made available previously by the Interagency Group.

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Attachment: Study

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