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POLITICAL STATUS ALTERNATIVES (continued)

Foreign Affairs
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Security

Applicability
of
Federal Laws

Representation
in
Washington

Citizenship

RECOMMENDATION:

A Commonwealth
by Compact

- See Study, pp. 41-44, 61-62.
- a) Seek U.S. recognition that the Marianas have some autonomy in some matters -- e.g., trade.
- b) Seek U.S. promises to assist Marianas efforts in these areas.
- a) Determine preferences regarding applicability of Federal laws and Federal judicial system.
- b) Later, item-by-item negotiations on important issues.
- c) Later, propose a joint Commission.
- Resident Commissioner or non-voting Delegate to Congress. 2/
- See Study, pp. 70-72.

1. Unorganized, unincorporated territory (e.g., American Samoa). 1/

The U.S. has complete and exclusive responsibility.

See Study, pp. 44-50.

Delegate-at-Large to U.S. Government.

U.S. non-citizen nationals.

2. Organized, unincorporated territory (e.g., Guam and Virgin Islands). 1/

The U.S. has complete and exclusive responsibility.

See Study, pp. 44-50.

Non-voting Delegate to Congress.

U.S. citizens.

3. Commonwealth

a. Without Compact (e.g., U.S. proposal of May 1970). 1/

Although the U.S. has complete responsibility, the U.S. would recognize and assist Micronesian participation in trade, etc.

See Study, pp. 44-50.

Non-voting Delegate to Congress.

U.S. non-citizen nationals.

b. With Compact (e.g., Puerto Rico). 1/	See Study pp. 44-50.	Resident Commissioner to Congress.	U.S. citizens.
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Although the U.S. has complete responsibility, Puerto Rico has taken steps to participate in regional activities in the Caribbean area.

4. Free Association (e.g., Draft Compact). 1/	See Study pp. 44-50.	Not clear.	Apparently Micronesian citizens.
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Although the U.S. has full responsibility, the U.S. would commit itself in very specific terms to recognize and assist some Micronesian autonomy in matters such as trade. [The Cook Islands are associate members of ECAFE and ADB.]

1/ The actual analogies (e.g., American Samoa) are used to flesh out the description of the particular political status alternatives. However, note that all the characteristics of an analogy are not required by the particular status alternative. For example, unlike Puerto Rico, a Commonwealth with Compact could extensively incorporate into the Federal Relations Act provisions of the U.S. Bill of Rights.

2/ Both have the same rights and privileges in the House of Representatives.