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MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. WILLENS, CARTER AND HELFER

As promised, I have examined the Department of Justice computer printouts received from Herman Marcuse with respect to the applicability of various laws in the Trust Territory and in other "territories and possessions" of the United States. On their face, these printouts were totally useless. Most of the entries do not even identify the substantive act of Congress involved. With respect to virtually all of the entries, it is impossible to tell how the particular territory is affected by the legislation.

In order to make any use of these lists, it will be necessary to go through the entire United States Code and read each of the cited sections. Although such an exercise may be warranted at some future date, I don't believe we have the time or the need to undertake that task at this time.

Accordingly, I would suggest that we continue with our original intention of preparing short position papers on the four to six areas of federal legislation that we know are a matter of concern to the Marianas. We should make it clear that the areas we have identified are not exhaustive and that we will be continuing to review the general body of federal legislation for other areas that require special consideration.

I would suggest that the next meeting of the legal subcommittee be scheduled near the end of the month, when we should be in a position to present our brief position papers in the areas of: tax, customs, labor laws, banking, immigration and naturalization, and maritime laws.

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