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ISA, OASD - Room 4C 826; cys to Col Finkel-
stein, JCS; Mr. Barrings. ISA; Col Kenty,**

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**Draft Agreement Establishing a Union Between the
Northern Mariana Islands and the United States.**

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN EDWARD C. WHELAN, JR., USN
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SUBJECT: Draft Agreement Establishing a Union Between the
Northern Mariana Islands and the United States.

With respect to the above subject, I recommend that you consider adding or amending the following points after the expression "...believe that:"

-In view of the time frame and the present negotiating position of the United States, the Commission should only be provided with a copy of our "general principles" - which are to be taken into account in the draft commonwealth agreements, and ultimately in the final agreement. A copy of these principles are attached. (Note to Capt. Whelan: we can attach the "principles" already proposed, after coordination within the Department).

-An agreement fully acceptable to the US.....without a concurrent commitment by the other side, and would take full account of our position and proposed negotiations with respect to Guam."

The second of the above recommendations adds a proviso to the third point made on your draft, emphasizing the Guam problem that must be resolved before any negotiations go too far toward commonwealth status for any of the Micronesian islands.


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