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PUERTO RICO AIDE HAS ISLAND PLAN

Tells Commonwealth to Join International Groups

The head of Puerto Rico's office in Washington has proposed that the commonwealth become a member or observer in a variety of international organizations and participate in United States delegations in certain conferences.

Jose A. Cabranes, administrator of the Commonwealth Office, said that "Puerto Rican dissidents" now have greater access to the United Nations than the island government they are attacking.

Mr. Cabranes offered his personal proposal, which does not represent the views of any elected Puerto Rican official,

as the Puerto Rican office prepared to sponsor an all-day closed conference today on new roles for Puerto Rico in foreign affairs. Thirty-one experts from government, education and international affairs are to take part at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 345 East 46th Street.

Prof. Myers S. McDougal of the Yale Law School, is the chairman; W. Michael Reisman, another Yale law professor, rapporteur, and Jaime Benitez, Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner in Congress, will welcome the group.

Mr. Cabranes, on leave as an associate professor at the Rutgers University Law School, said that a United States draft agreement with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands "points the way to a possible solution."

Under this agreement, Mr. Cabranes said, the Pacific Islands territory is to get the same associated commonwealth

status that Puerto Rico introduced in 1952. But it would also get "the right to join regional international organizations" and United Nations social, economic and cultural agencies.

Mr. Cabranes suggested that Puerto Rico might obtain the status of "permanent observer" in the Organization of American States, already accorded to such non-Western Hemisphere nations as Belgium, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, Italy and Japan. He said this would permit "a limited role in the Inter-American community without incurring the burdens and obligations of membership or impairing the role of the United States.

The commonwealth, he said, might also become a member or observer in specialized United Nations agencies such as the World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization and International Labor Organization.