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MEMORANDUM

FOR THE

MARIANAS CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS FILE

The situation regarding my efforts to meet with Members of Congress is as follows:

- (1) Senator Johnston's office and I have a meeting with him tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 2, at 2 p.m. I previously sent his legislative assistant, Mr. Weiss, a copy of our background memorandum.
- (2) Adrian Winkel is in the process of scheduling meetings with Congressman Burton and other interested members of the House Subcommittee to provide an opportunity for Ambassador Williams to brief the subcommittee and for Mr. Warnke and myself to do likewise, along with those representatives of our respective clients who may be in town during the next few weeks. As it presently stands, Mr. Winkel is planning to schedule a meeting for the Marianas delegation either November 15 or November 16.
- (3) In accordance with my discussions with Mr. Winkel, I learned that Jim Wilson is not at all pleased with Mr. Winkel's plans to schedule meetings with Congressman Burton for representatives of the Joint Committee and the Marianas Political Status Commission. Mr. Wilson told Mr. Winkel that the Ambassador prefers to do all of the briefing on the Hill regarding the pending negotiations so that he can speak for both the Executive Branch and Congress during the negotiations. Mr. Wilson said he would check this matter out further with the Ambassador and let Mr. Winkel know what the Ambassador's feelings are. Mr. Winkel, of course, is not prepared to defer to the Ambassador on this subject and believes that it is entirely appropriate for both Warnke and me, as well as our clients, to meet with Members of Congress regarding the negotiations in progress.

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