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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. SOLF, JAG-A

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SUBJECT: Article 7 - Final Draft.

I am attaching for your comments in order that we may prepare a final draft, Section 702a of the proposed constitution for the Marianas. This section has been prepared by Major Gehring. May I have your comments by COB, Tuesday, 14 May 1974.

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Harry H. Almond, Jr. Office of Assistant General Counsel

Internationál Affairs

"Sec. 702a. <u>To assist the U.S. in fulfilling</u> its defense responsibilities under Title V of this Covenant and notwithstanding any other provision of this Covenant, prior to or after the termination of the trusteeship the U.S. Government, its departments or agencies, may acquire all right, title and interest to the following areas:

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(1) <u>On Tinian Lelond</u>. Seventeen thousand four hundred seventy-five acres and the waters immediately adjacent thereto for the United States to establish an integrated basing area in the Commonwealth.

(2) On Saipan Island.

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(a) <u>Adjacent to Isley Air Field</u>. Five hundred acres for the United States, which shall, at its discretion, make available such acreage as is not essential for the immediate exercise of its defense responsibilities for the use of the Government of the Northern Marianas provided such use is compatible with the defense responsibilities of the U.S.

(b) <u>At Tanapag Harbor</u>. Three hundred twenty acres for the United States, which shall, at its discretion, make available such acreage as is not essential for the immediate exercise of its defense responsibilities for the use of the Government of the Northern Marianas, provided such use is compatible with the defense responsibilities of the US.

(3) Farallon de Medinilla Island. Two hundred twenty-nine acres encompassing the entire island, and the waters () adjacent thereto.

No provision of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas nor of legislation of the Government of the Northern Marianas shall in any way impair any interest in property held by the U.S. Government, its departments or agencies, or impede the future acquisition of interests in property by the U.S. Government, its departments or agencies.

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