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MEMORANDUM TO THE MPSC FILE

Subject: Conversation with Robert Immerman

I spoke this morning with Robert Immerman at the United States Mission to the United Nations (212-573-6481). He suggested that Mr. Muna, Mr. Cruz, and I go to the offices of the U.S. Mission, 799 U.N. Plaza, at 45th and 1st Streets, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. The Trusteeship Council meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. There are a number of other petitioners, and Mr. Immerman did not know the order in which the petitioners would be called. Nevertheless, he expected that the session would be over by 1:00 p.m.

I asked Mr. Immerman if he had any suggestions about the statement which the representatives of the Commission should make. He suggested a low-key statement which repeats the general arguments justifying separate negotiations for the Marianas. He thought we should once again go through the long history of support in the Marianas for a close association with the United States. He pointed out that there are a number of new members on the Trusteeship Council this year who are not familiar with the arguments which previously have been made. We discussed whether it would be wise for the representatives of the Commission to go into detail about the decisions

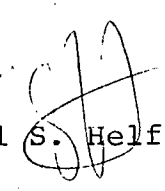
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made at the last round of negotiations. Mr. Wilson was in Mr. Immerman's office, and it was their combined view that we ought not go into great detail -- that the more general our statement was, the better. Mr. Immerman said that the United States' opening statement will briefly mention the recent Joint Communique, though he did not think that it would necessarily be passed out to the Council members before we spoke.

I asked Mr. Immerman about possible questions which might be asked of the Commission members. He said he thought that the Soviet Union's representative would attempt to ask difficult questions, but that he thought there would be few other questions. He said he would think about questions which might be asked and would brief us on Thursday morning. Mr. Immerman noted that the representatives of the Congress of Micronesia who have already spoken have made no reference to the separate Marianas negotiations, in contrast to last year's presentation.

Mr. Immerman told me that he had made hotel reservations for Mr. Cruz and Mr. Muna at the Commodore Hotel. He asked me to tell the Commission members that Mr. Sablan from Truk and the people representing the TTPI government were staying at the Tudor Hotel. A number of exchange students are at the Belmont Hotel. There

will be a reception given by Ambassador White on
Thursday night from 6:00 to 8:00 at the U.S. Mission
to which we are all invited.


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