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Memorandum

To: Director, Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations
From: Director of Territorial Affairs
Subject: Proposed Funding Shift to Accommodate Marianas Power Request.

Attached is a copy of a July 10, 1974, letter from High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston in response to our letter of June 27, 1974, to him which endeavored to accommodate Ambassador Williams' promise to the Marianas Status Commission on seeking a way to fund a power plant outside the Phase II Financial Assistance Plan.

We support the High Commissioner's proposal and will seek \$3.6 million in a FY 1975 supplemental request. This, along with the other available power funds should pave the way towards meeting the MSC request.

Further, we have been in contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with respect to the power barge "Impedance." They are favorably disposed to loaning the barge to the Marianas if technical and financial arrangements prove to be satisfactory. To this end, they are or will be communicating directly with the Director of Public Works through the High Commissioner. You may wish to further endorse this loan if you feel it is necessary.

(Sgd) Stanley S. Carpenter

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Attachment

cc : Hon. Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner
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