

Re: COM Joint Resolution 131, August 8, 1974

Suggested reply, IF ASKED:

The separate status negotiations with the Marianas Political Status Commission, a body set up by the Marianas District Legislature and representing all principal groups in the District, were undertaken after more than twenty years of efforts by the District, through referendums, resolutions and petitions, to attain a relationship of political union with the U.S. The ballot which will be before the voters in the forthcoming plebiscite in the Marianas District will provide an opportunity for registered voters to approve or reject the Covenant which their representatives have negotiated. Those voters who wish to retain the option to participate with the other Districts of Micronesia in determining together the political status of Micronesia will have full and free opportunity to register this choice by voting NO. The Territory-wide referendum being held on July 8 as well as the plebiscite in the Marianas on June 17 will provide opportunity for the expression of views on status alternatives.

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