

15 October 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PHILIP E. BARRINGER
DIRECTOR, FMRA, ISA, OASD

SUBJECT: Draft Marianas Agreement (U)

Pursuant to your request of 8 October:

-the Agreement should be compared with the Commonwealth Agreement with Puerto Rico: this should be a matter for the Department of Interior.

-under an arrangement such as this, the people of the Commonwealth may at a future time determine to be independent entirely of the United States. For this reason, we should consider whether:

-to have through purchase or otherwise an enclave comparable to that of Guantanamo in Cuba, outlasting any change in sovereignty;

-to have a separate arrangement with the Commonwealth with respect to security powers and the right to maintain defensive and security measures over the area embraced;

-in the above event, whether ultimately to have an arrangement comparable to that set up in the Compact - drafted to meet these objectives.

SIGNED

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Note: Mr. David Ream, OGC(I&L) is handling the land issues at this point.

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