

October 17, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR GERARD C. SMITH

SUBJECT: Marianas Political Status Negotiations

Howard Willens, who is out of town today, asked me to send you a copy of the attached draft of a memorandum concerning military retention lands in the Marianas. As you will see, a difference of opinion between the Marianas representatives and the United States representatives with respect to the rights of the United States in these lands threatens to prevent a prompt and successful conclusion of our negotiations.

Howard and I would like to get your views on the approach taken in the draft, as well as your opinions on how we might best proceed in our effort to persuade the United States Government to change its position. Could we meet with you some time on Friday the 18th?

Michael S. Helfer

cc: Howard P. Willens/without attachment

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