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ACTION MEMORANDUM

(C). With regard to plebecite timing concensus was that it should be held if possible in May of next year. Recognized however, that the UNTC would have to take some kind of action in response to US invitation to have UN observers participate in plebiscite. This will require much more thought."

(C) Further thought also required regarding nature of question to be put on ballot during plebescite. Pangelinan and Santos after pushing initially for simple yes/no vote recognized many more dimensions of the problem exist in relation to UN picture and broader Microneisan problem. US promised to produce paper on subject prior to November meeting of principaas."

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quotes are from Ambassador Williams reporting cable concerning his talks with the co-chairmen of the Marianas Political Status Commission. The purpose of this memorandum is to address the first paragraph and prepare a position paper which will be cleared by USUN and State.

The United Nations Trusteeship Council in its report on the Trust Territory to the Security Council made the following recommendations:

" The Council, having heard the statements of the Administering Authority, feels that, if the people of the Marianas are consulted separately from the people of the rest of Micronesia, the Congress of Microneisia should be informed in advance of their future poltical status. The Council considers that the consulatation of the people of the Marianas should also take place in the presence of the United Nations and should not exclude any alternative.

"The Council earnestly hopes that the three delegations will conduct negotiations in such a way that, if separate plebiscites have to be held in the Marianas and in the other districts of Micronesia, these consultations will be carired out simultaneously. "

OPTIONS

1. Request a special session of the Trusteeship Council to send observers to the referendum to be conducted in the Marianas in May.
2. Send an invitation to the Trusteeship Council to ~~send~~ participate in the referendum and actof self determination to be held in the Marianas.

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3. Send an invitation to the Security Council to order a United Nations presence in the act of self determination in the Marianas .
4. Discuss the matter with Mr. Abebe of the Trusteeship Council Secretariat and follow his advise on the ~~xxxx~~ matter.
5. Postpone the referendum until after the June meeting of the Trusteeship Council wherein a formal invitation to the Council can be made.

ACTION REQUESTED

As Ambassador Williams said in his reporting cable much thought must be given this matter. The options stated above are only preliminary and are definitely not all inclusive. Somethought should also be given to the choice to be presented on the ballot and its affect on United Nations participation in the act of self determination by the people of the Northern Marianas. Please be prepared to discuss the matter of U-nited Naitons participation in the act of self determination and other issues as they relate to UN participation.

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