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SUBJECT: UN OBSERVED PLEBISCITE IN MARIANAS AS YOU KNOW, FIFTH ROUND OF MARIANAS STATUS TALKS WERE CONCLUDED DECEMBER, WITH SIGNING OF COVENANT PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 3. IDEAL TIMETABLE HAS UN OBSERVED PLEBISCITE SCHEDULED FOR LATE JUNE, AS STRONGLY REQUESTED

BY MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

DEPT REQUESTS MISSION'S VIEWS REGARDING (A) DETAILED PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING UNTC VISITING MISSION THROUGH REGULAR UNTO SESSION; (B) TIMING OF UN OBSERVED PLEBISCITE, AND (C) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE LANGUAGE OF PLEBISCITE OPTIONS, WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE MARIANAS REQUEST FOR A YES-NO BALLOT.

DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MISSION'S VIEWS NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15. KISSINGER

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