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Subject

Preparation for Plebiscite in Marianas

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Secretarial Order No. 2973 (State 82931)

This message confirms your designation as Executive Director under Plebiscite Commissioner Erwin D. Canham to prepare for and conduct June 17 plebiscite in Mariana Islands District. In order to provide prompt assistance to Mr. Canham you should consider personnel whom you could recommend to him for his consideration under the referenced secretarial order to serve on his staff. Recommendations should cover members of Plebiscite Advisory Committee as described sec. 4 of Order and eight at-large members of Voter Registration Board (sec. 6).

Additionally you should consider suitable candidates for following tentatively suggested positions under Plebiscite Commissioner: Secretary (American), Administrator for Plebiscite Education Program, Information specialists (radio, TV, publications, printing, school and community relations), translators (Chamorro and Carolinian), secretary or typist for translations, secretary to Plebiscite Advisory Committee, executive officer for Voter Registration Board, secretary for VRB.

All appointments would be made only on approval of Mr. Canham who has full authority within secretarial order to decide on nature and composition of his staff. Since program of which he will be in charge is to provide impartial information, TTPI employees may be selected to work in connection with that program and, in line with earlier instructions to Hicom, will receive administrative leave during performance of such duties.