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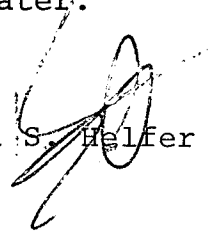
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJ: Meeting with Adrian DeGraffenried

Adrian dropped off the attached correspondence between Canham and Rice concerning voter registration for the Marianas plebiscite. I urged Adrian to let Canham declare that each person on the existing municipal vote registration list was presumed to be eligible to vote in the plebiscite, though subject to challenge. Adrian said that the Ambassador wanted a complete re-registration. I then urged Adrian at least to keep his options open by not committing the U.S. to this position in writing at this time. He agreed to carry this suggestion back to his superiors.

On a related matter the United States will be sending shortly a response to Senator Tenorio stating that re-negotiation is not possible. A letter containing detailed answers to each of the Senator's 13 points will go out later.

  
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cc: Howard P. Willens

Attachment

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