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SUBJECT: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AND UN OBSERVATION OF
MARIANAS PLEBISCITE: SOVIET PARTICIPATION

1. DEPT AGREES REFTEL RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTS EMBASSY
MOSCOW MAKE APPROACH AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL USING FOLLOWING
BACKGROUND POINTS.

2. BACKGROUND:

A) THE USG HAS LONG SUPPORTED THE GOAL OF SELF-DETERMINA-
TION OF THE FUTURE STATUS OF ALL DEPENDENT TERRITORIES.

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B) AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR THE STRATEGIC TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, THE U.S. REPORTS ANNUALLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

C) IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS OVER A PERIOD EXCEEDING 20 YEARS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, THE US EMBARKED ON NEGOTIATION WITH THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATES COMMISSION (MPSC) FOR A FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF MARIANAS, AND IN CLOSER UNION WITH THE U.S. THE TC, IN ITS REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, HAS RECOGNIZED THESE REQUESTS AND SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

D) ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975, THE US AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AGREED TO A COVENANT OF COMMONWEALTH, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ON JUNE 17 OF THIS YEAR. THE COVENANT MUST ALSO RECEIVE US CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

E) WE EXPECT AND WELCOME AN OBSERVATION OF THIS ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE US IS REQUESTING THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO DISPATCH A SPECIAL VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THE CAMPAIGN, THE PLEBISCITE, AND THE VOTE TALLY, AS RECOGNIZED BY PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. THE US HAS NO INTENTION THAT THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WOULD OBTAIN COMMONWEALTH STATUS UNTIL THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED FOR THE ENTIRE TRUST TERRITORY SIMULTANEOUSLY (PRESENTLY ANTICIPATED FOR 1980).

F) WE HAVE WELCOMED SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN 1973 VISITING MISSION TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AND LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS OBSERVATION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

3. FYI. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TC, THEY HAVE NEVER HELD OFFICE ON COUNCIL, ABSTAINED ON RESOLUTIONS AND NOT BEEN MEMBERS OF DRAFTING COMMITTEES, AND PARTICIPATED FOR FIRST TIME IN 1973 VISITING MISSION.
END FYI. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE

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