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SUBJECT: UN OBSERVATION OF MARIANAS PLEBISCITE: SOVIET PARTICI-
PATION

1. WE HAVE INFORMED SOVIET TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) REP (KOVLENKO) OF US DESIRE THAT TC SEND SPECIAL VISITING MISSION, INCLUDING SOVIETS, TO MARIANAS TO OBSERVE JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE. WE HAVE ALSO FURNISHED SOVIET MISSION WITH MARIANAS COVENANT AS WELL MAJOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATING TO ORGANIZATION OF PLEBISCITE. SOVIET REPS HAVE NOT REACTED DIRECTLY TO US. THEY HAVE HINTED, HOWEVER, TO UN SECRETARIAT MEMBERS THAT AT NEXT TC SESSION, THEY MAY REQUEST FROM UN LEGAL COUNSEL RULING WHETHER PLEBISCITE CONSTITUTES "ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION" UNDER CHARTER AND THEY STARTING TO SPREAD CANARD THAT US PLANNING ASK FOR TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP OVER MARIANAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLEBISCITE. SOVIETS ALSO HINTING THEY MAY FIND IT "DIFFICULT" TO PARTICIPATE IN MARIANAS VISITING MISSION ON GROUNDS THAT THEY MUST JOIN UN COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION TO LISBON AT ABOUT SAME TIME.

2. WE PLAN TO DISCREETLY SOUND OUT LEGAL COUNSEL'S VIEWS ON POSSIBLE SOVIET REQUEST (FYI: WE ASSUME HE WOULD SIMPLY

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REPLY THAT QUESTION IS ONE FOR TC ITSELF TO DECIDE. END
FYI) WE ARE MAKING IT CLEAR TO OTHER TC MEMBERS THAT USG
HAS ALREADY PUBLICALLY PLEDGED TO TC THAT IT WILL REQUEST
TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP FOR ALL OF TRUST TERRITORY AT
SAME TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL PRIOR
TO TC SESSION BEGINNING MAY 27, FOR EMBASSY MOSCOW TO MAKE
FACTUAL PRESENTATION TO FOREIGN OFFICE ON MARIANAS COVENANT,
FORTHCOMING PLEBISCITE AND STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONGRESS
OF MICRONESIA FOR REST OF TRUST TERRITORY. WE RECALL THAT
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR ISSRAELYAN VERY FAMILIAR
WITH TTPI AS RESULT HIS LONG INVOLVEMENT WITH TC AND HIS
PARTICIPATION IN 1973 VISITING MISSION. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT
AUTHORIZE EMBASSY PRESENTATION AND REPEAT TO IT FOLLOWING
TELEGRAMS: STATE 42860, STATE 82931, STATE 83174, STATE
83791, STATE 90068.
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*to be involved in preparation of or at least
sign off on recommendations to Moscow Subs.*

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