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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Marianas Plebiscite -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

1. The Office of Micronesia Status Negotiations has advised us of the following results in the 17 June 1975 plebiscite in the Marianas. Eighty-five percent of those registered to vote actually voted. With 200 absentee ballots to be counted, the result was 3648 for and 1002 against the Covenant. This equates to a favorable vote of 78 percent. A breakdown by localities (yes/no) is: Tinian (180/62), Rota (366/12), Saipan (3072/912), Northern Islands (30/16).

2. The high percentage of registered voters and percentage of votes in favor of Commonwealth status is expected to have a favorable impact on the US Congress which will be asked to approve the Commonwealth Covenant by Joint Resolution. Ambassador Williams hopes to see this accomplished by the August recess.

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