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Further re formal OMB clearance of draft joint resolution for approval of the Mariana Islands Commonwealth: Request for comments

Messrs. Hyde, Crabill, Sitrin, Sanders, McOmber

1. Yesterday, Ambassador Williams transmitted formal request (copy attached) to the President for clearance of draft joint resolution and draft letter from the President to transmit the proposal to the Congress. The request was hand carried to NSC staff.
2. This morning, NSC staff (Jay Taylor) referred the draft to OMB for quick, formal, interagency review under A-19. The NSC request is for the interagency review to be completed and OMB views to be provided to them by Friday afternoon, June 20.
3. The OMB requests for agency views were delivered by the 2:00 p.m. today special messenger run to: Defense, State, Interior, Justice, Treasury, Labor, HEW, Federal Reserve Board, Commerce, and DoT (Coast Guard). The views request makes clear that the provisions of the covenant itself are not subject to change but that the introductory part of the draft joint resolution and draft letter from the President are subject to modification. Agency views are requested by COB tomorrow, June 19. (Telephone comments were indicated to be acceptable.)
4. The current draft of the Joint Resolution and Presidential transmittal letter are marginally different from the drafts I circulated late yesterday. Copies of the new drafts are attached for your review.
5. Please provide any recommendations for specific changes in words in either the:

- draft Presidential letter or
- draft Joint Resolution

to me by noon tomorrow, June 19.

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Attachment

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