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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Liaison Officer (See separate sheet)

Subject: H.J.Res. 549, a joint resolution concerning: Section (1) approval of the "Convenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America;" Section (2) additional appropriation authorization under Title II of the Micronesian Claims Act; and, Section (3) authorizing the President to extend all Federal programs to the territories and Puerto Rico. Section (1) is the Administration's proposal -- it

has been excluded from this referral. Accordingly, your views are required only with respect to sections

(2) and (3).

The Office of Management and Budget would appreciate receiving the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

Special circumstances require priority treatment and (xx) accordingly your views are requested by C.O.B. TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1975. (Initial views will be accepted on the telephone) -- The Administration is under strong pressure to report its position on H.J.Res. 549 to the Congress as soon as possible next week.

Questions should be referred to Larry Cardwell (103 x4993) or to Ron Peterson (103 x4606), the legislative analyst in this Office.

> James F. C. Hyde, Jr. for Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

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