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Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Lynn:

In a Legislative Referral Memorandum dated July 11, Mr. James F. C. Hyde, Jr., OMB Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, requested the views of the Department of State on Sections (2) and (3) of H. J. Res. 549 "to approve the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes."

The Department of State has no objection to the provisions of the aforementioned Sections (2) and (3), which pertain to matters which do not appear to fall within the purview of the Department of State.

Sincerely,

Robert J. McCloskey
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

H. J. Res. 549.

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concurrences:

EA/ANP - Mr. Squires
EA/J - Mr. Deming
L/UNA - Mr. Suran
IO/UNP - Miss Williams
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H - Mr. Richardson

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94TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 549

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 1975

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON (for himself, Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN, Ms. MINK, Mr. KETCHUM, Mr. MEEDS, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. STEIGER of Arizona, Mr. STEPHENS, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. BINGHAM, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, Mr. VIGORITO, Mr. SYMMS, Ms. CHISHOLM, Ms. PETTIS, Mr. MELCHER, Mr. BADILLO, Mr. MIKVA, Mr. SEIBERLING, Mr. BENITEZ, Ms. BURKE of California, Mr. DE LUCA, Mr. WON PAI, Mr. HOWE, and Mr. MILLER of California) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To approve the "Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America", and for other purposes.

Whereas the United States is the administering authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under the terms of the trusteeship agreement for the former Japanese-mandated islands entered into by the United States with the Security Council of the United Nations on April 2, 1947, and approved by the United States on July 18, 1947; and

Whereas the United States, in accordance with the trusteeship agreement and the Charter of the United Nations, has assumed the obligation to promote the development of the

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peoples of the trust territory toward self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the trust territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned; and

Whereas the United States, in response to the desires of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands clearly expressed over the past twenty years through public petition and referendum, and in response to its own obligations under the trusteeship agreement to promote self-determination, entered into political status negotiations with representatives of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

Whereas, on February 15, 1975, a "Covenant to Establish A Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America" was signed by the Marianas Political Status Commission for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and by the President's Personal Representative, Ambassador F. Haydn Williams for the United States of America, following which the covenant was approved by the unanimous vote of the Mariana Islands District Legislature on February 20, 1975 and by 78.8 per centum of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands voting in a plebiscite held on June 17, 1975: Now be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the
- 4 Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United
- 5 States of America, the text of which is as follows, is hereby
- 6 approved.

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1 "Members of the Marianas Political Status Commission:

2 JUAN LG. CARRERA.

3 VICENTE T. CAMACHO.

4 JOSE R. CRUZ.

5 BERNARD V. HOFSCHEIDER.

6 BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA.

7 DANIEL T. MUNA.

8 DR. FRANCISCO T. PALACIOS.

9 JOAQUIN I. PANGELINAN.

10 MANUEL A. SABLAN.

11 JOANNES B. TAIMANAO.

12 PEDRO A. TENORIO."

13 SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated
14 such amounts as may be necessary (in addition to amounts
15 previously authorized to be appropriated) for the purpose of
16 making full payments of awards under title II of the
17 Micronesia Claims Act of 1971, Public Law 92-39.

18 SEC. 3. (a) The President is hereby authorized to ex-
19 tend to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American
20 Samoa, the Mariana Islands District and the other Districts
21 of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, all Federal
22 programs providing grant, loan, and loan guarantee or other
23 assistance to the State, unless he determines that such ex-
24 tension is inconsistent with the purposes of the statutory
25 authorization under which such assistance is provided or

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1 unless such extension is disapproved by resolution of either
2 House of Congress as provided in subsection (b).

3 (b) The President shall transmit to the Congress notice
4 of any extension action taken under subsection (a) and any
5 such action shall take effect at the end of the first period
6 of sixty calendar days of continuous session of Congress after
7 the date on which the notice is transmitted to it unless,
8 between the date of transmittal and the end of the sixty-day
9 period, either House passes a resolution stating in substance
10 that that House does not favor such extension. For purposes
11 of this subsection, passage of such resolution shall be subject
12 to the same procedures as apply in the case of resolutions
13 disapproving government reorganization plans under Chapter
14 9 of Title 5, United States Code.

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TO THE DRAFTING OFFICER:

A reply to the attached request should be received in H for signature by Robert L. McCloskey, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations by _____

Address the reply to Honorable James T. Lynn, Director Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

There should be an original and 1 courtesy copy for OMB, 1 copy for H, the blue record copy, 1 copy for FAERC and copies as required by the drafting office.

After securing all _____ clearance, please forward to the office for H clearance and signature.

If a problem is anticipated in meeting the deadline or if action is transferred to another office, please notify us.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

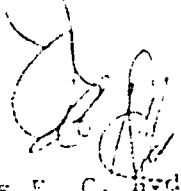
To: Legislative Liaison Officer (See separate sheet)

Subject: H.J.Res. 549, a joint resolution concerning:
Section (1) approval of the "Covenant 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.

(x) Special circumstances require priority treatment and accordingly your views are requested by C.O.B. THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1973. 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 x4696), the legislative analyst in this Office.


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

Enclosures

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