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Respectfully referred to

State Department
2201 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20520

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
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ANALYSIS

By direction of

Lloyd Bentsen

U. S. S.
Lloyd Bentsen

Att: Tanya Hart

RE: SELF-Determination in MARIANAS + Nuclear
Free (sp. Trident missile) Pacific.

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The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

The participants in the National Seminar of the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church adopted the attached statement on August 23, 1975. This statement was sent to:

- The President
- The Secretary of State
- The Speaker of the House
- The Ambassador to the United Nations
- The Chairman of the Senate:

- Interior Committee
- Armed Services Committee
- Foreign Relations Committee

I would appreciate additional information and clarification of the following questions: (in your own words)

- What is the responsibility of the USA to insure self-determination and independence of the Marianas as mandated by the United Nations Trusteeship Council?
- What responsibility does the USA have in bringing about a Nuclear Free Pacific which includes the Marianas?
- What necessities the development by the USA of the Trident Nuclear Missile System with a first strike capability and a 6000 mile range?

Your responses, additional research and analyses and proposals for action will be brought to the Women's Division at its October meeting.

Sincerely,

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STATEMENT

We the participants in the National Seminar of the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church feel that the proposed new status, i.e. commonwealth status, or any other alternative status for the Marianas has been insufficiently communicated to or debated by the peoples of the United States of America.

We therefore, request that more indepth, open hearings be held before the matter is brought up for a vote on the Senate floor.

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