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DATE: September 24, 1975

FROM : EA/ANP - John F. Knowles *JK*

SUBJECT: Congressional Hearings on Marianas Covenant

Bill Burgstrom on Senator McGovern's staff (224-2321) came in at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22 at his request to receive a general background briefing on the Marianas Covenant. Dick Williams and Dave Schiele of OMSN were present.

The briefing emphasized the US obligations under the Trusteeship agreement, the historical record of the Marianas' desire for a closer political association with the US, and the Marianas' geographic, and historic association with Guam.

Burgstrom seemed well satisfied with our background briefing. He said Senator McGovern was beginning to come under considerable pressure from both sides on this matter. For example, he had received a critical letter from the environmentalist Friends of Earth organization. Senator Hart's aide was an active critic of the Covenant and Senator Hart, who had a special relationship with Senator McGovern, was seeking McGovern's support in persuading Senator Sparkman to hold SFRC hearings. On completion of our briefing and discussion, which lasted about 35 minutes, Burgstrom expressed puzzlement at the opposition to the Covenant. He said he planned to go see Senator Hart's staff assistant and find out why he was so strongly opposed to the Covenant. Given the special relationship with Senator Hart, he supposed that McGovern would support Hart in asking for SFRC hearings. Asked whether Senator McGovern himself was opposed to the Covenant, Burgstrom said McGovern had no particular views and he had asked for this meeting in order that he could give a recommendation to McGovern. Burgstrom seemed surprised when I told him that we understood that the SFRC planned to hold hearings on October 9, and said he was not aware of this.

cc: H - Mr. Richardson
OMSN - Mr. Schiele

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