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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION FILE

SUBJECT: Conversation With Robert Barton

At Ambassador Williams' suggestion, I called Barton today. Barton confirmed, as Williams had told me, that Pangelinan had requested time for MPSC representatives to speak at the Foreign Relations hearings to be held on November 5. Barton also confirmed, as Williams had told me, that this request was granted, subject to the imposition of a ten-minute time limit and subject to the Committee's insistence that the MPSC representatives limit their remarks to the foreign policy implications of the Covenant. Barton also told me that the Congress of Micronesia representatives would be limited to ten minutes, and that the time limit was one that the Committee could bend at its discretion during the hearings. Barton made it quite plain that he did not want the MPSC to testify at all, but that he recognized it was inevitable once our people left Saipan to come to Washington. Barton is insistent that only one person from the MPSC testify.

The witness list is as follows:

Senator Gary Hart;

Administration witnesses: Messrs. Ingersoll, Crowe, Williams and Canham;

MPSC witnesses: Mr. Tenorio, accompanied by Messrs. Sablan, Muna and Willens;

Congress of Micronesia witnesses: Mr. Henry and others, accompanied by Mr. Warnke;

Mr. McHenry of the Carnegie Foundation;

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Mr. Jose Cabranes, counsel to the International League for the Rights of Man.

Everybody after us is against us.

Barton also told me that Clark McFadden of the Armed Services Committee staff had said that Senator Harry Byrd was willing to hold a hearing just for the MPSC and Congress of Micronesia people this week so that they will not have to wait until the full Armed Services Committee hearing on November 17.

The hearing begins at 9:30, and is expected to be over by lunch.

cc: H. P. Willens

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MSH', is written over the typed name 'MSH'.