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EA - Mr. Edmond

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EA/ANP - Dick Williams

SUBJECT:

DEPARTIGANT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

This afternoon's briefing of Senator Bartlett

Ambassador McCloskey had to go to the Hill and will meet you in Senator Bartlett's office, Room 140 of the Old Senate Office Building (Russell Building) in time for your 3 p.m. meeting with the Senator.

In addition to yourself and the Ambassador, the breefing party will now include:

Emmett Rice, Fred Zeder's deputy, who as a lawyer and longtime DOTA staffer is prepared to discourse on the various ways in which Federal taxes and programs are applied in Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa, and

Adrian de Graffenried, lawyer on Haydn Williams' OMSN staff. Adrian was closely involved in drafting the relevant portions of the Marianas Covenant and hence the Ambassador felt he would be better placed than Dave Schiele to andwer Bartlett's questions on taxes and programs in the Northern Marianas.

Emmett and Adrian will bring with them two pieces of paper:

a brochure or leaflet describing Federal programs in the various territories; and

-- a one-pager outlining the differences between Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth status for the US territories and other distinctions between their legal positions. This is for McCloskey's not Bartlett's edification. His staffer called this morning and requested it by 2, but when he was called to the Hill suggested that instead you all bring it up to Bartlett's office and hand it to the Ambassador there.

Emmett and Adrian are coming to my office at 2:30 at which point I will bring them up to your office to introduce you Incidentally, the Armed Services Subcommittee markup on the Marianas (Bartlett is a member) is scheduled for Tuesday at 2 and I have so informed McCloskey's office.
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