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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MPSC FILE

I spoke for close to an hour today with Al Gordon of Congressional Quarterly. Most of the conversation was on the record, and I repeated the standard positions we have been taking. Off the record I speculated with Gordon about what might happen in the Security Council once the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement arose there -- I pointed out to him that a veto of termination by Russia or China would put them in the position of continuing the Trusteeship Agreement.

Gordon was interested in whether we were registered lobbyists for the Marianas, and I told him that to my knowledge we were, and had filed the necessary reports. He was also interested in the source of funds for the MPSC, wondering whether in effect the United States was paying our fees. I told him that it was a matter of public record that the MPSC got its funds from the District Legislature, and that the District Legislature used, for these purposes, locally raised taxes.

Gordon expects to publish something next week. He said that it might be just a short article on the status of the legislation, but held out the possibility that it would be a longer piece analyzing the issues involved.

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