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MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD WILLENS

Subject: Marianas

1. The Foreign Relations Committee vote in favor of approval of the Covenant was as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Sparkman	Church (by proxy)	McGee (YES)
Humphrey	Pell	Biden (NO)
Case	Clark (by proxy)	Symington(?)
Javits	Mansfield	McGovern (YES?)
Scott (Pa.) (by proxy)		Pearson (YES)
Percy		
Griffin		

According to OMSN, Clark's assistant (Bruce Vanvorst) said that Clark does not have strong feelings on the issue and will be open to argument with respect to his floor vote. Church's vote was a surprise; Bierne will ask Jackson and Johnson to talk to Church (who is a member of the Interior Committee).

2. The Armed Services Subcommittee vote came on an amendment that would delay action on the Covenant without prejudice until a political status settlement was reached with the other districts. The vote was as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Byrd (Va.)	Tower	Leahy (NO?)
Scott (Va.) (by proxy)	Nunn	
Hart (Col.)		
McIntyre (by proxy)		
Bartlett		

McFadden gave me a copy of the draft report (attached); he said he will also draft minority (pro-Covenant) views and would appreciate our input.

3. The full Armed Services Committee vote will take place (present best guess) on Friday (23rd) or Tuesday (27th). The vote in the full Committee looks like this (on a motion to report favorably without the subcommittee amendment):

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>UNCERTAIN</u>
Jackson	Byrd (Va)	Leahy (NO?)
Nunn	Scott (Va.)	Stennis (?)
Tower	Culver	Symington (?)
Goldwater	Bartlett	McIntyre (NO?)
Thurmond	Hart (Col.)	Taft (?)
Cannon		

I've put McIntyre into the uncertain column despite his proxy vote in the subcommittee on the basis of my discussions with his staff man, Mike Aylward.

4. Here is what I think we should do to prepare for the vote in the Armed Services Committee, and to keep up the momentum in Foreign Relations:

A. We have to make sure that Jackson is there for the vote. Williams will try and so will Bierne, but there must be a way we can get to Jackson himself and convince him that the vote is important enough to get off the campaign trail. Perhaps a call to Bob Nathan would be one place to start.

B. Stennis we might as well leave to DOD, I suppose; and Gerard Smith has already tried to contact Taft and Symington -- two critical votes. I will follow up with McIntyre's assistant. That leaves only Leahy -- do we have any contact into that office?

C. I have arranged a meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, the 23rd in Suite 404 of the Russell Building with Clark's assistant, Bruce Vanvorst. I hope that you and at least one of the Marianas contingent can make it, since Bruce said he needs an education on the issue.

D. Church is more of a problem. It is unlikely we'll get to see him, without more pull than I have. Fred Hutchinson, his assistant, told me that Church personally gave the proxy to Pell yesterday despite Hutchinson's recommendation that Church support the Covenant. I have no ideas on how to reach Church other than through Jackson who, as one of Church's prime opponents for the Democratic presidential nomination, can't be expected to have great influence.\*/

E. We might also ask Bob Bartlett of the Foreign Relations Committee staff if we can see the Report before it goes out, but I think the answer will be "no".

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\*/ My own influence with Bayh, you'll be interested in knowing, has assured that he'll be out of town on the day of the vote! (It's better than the alternative.)

5. Lazarus Salii has sent a telegram to Hollings saying that he hopes approval of the Covenant will not further fragment Micronesia. Pete has a copy of the telegram and will bring it here tomorrow; he says it is so ambiguous it probably won't do any harm.

6. Pete, Ed and Joe will be here tomorrow at 12:15 for lunch. Can you make it?

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cc: Gerard Smith (w/o attach.)