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MEMORANDUM

To : Fred M. Zeder, Director
Office of Territorial Affairs

From : Ambassador F. Haydn Williams, The President's Personal
Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations

Subject : Preliminary Meeting of Joint Transition Commission

I am sure you will agree that on the eve of the final passage of the Commonwealth Covenant, it is important that the United States assure that Phase I of the Northern Mariana Islands transition will be both exemplary and within the agreed guidelines established in the negotiations.

I am therefore calling an organizational meeting to discuss the initiation of Phase I and the preparations necessary to formally establish the Joint Transition Commission and to provide a tentative organizational structure and working agenda for the Commission.

I would appreciate your attendance at the meeting to take place in my office at ~~10:00~~ a.m. on Friday, March 5th. At the meeting I intend to nominate you as the permanent chairman of the Joint Transition Commission and I hope you will accept.

A proposed agenda for the meeting is attached.

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AGENDA
PREPARATORY MEETING OF
THE JOINT TRANSITION COMMISSION

- I. Joint Transition Commission
 - A. Membership
 - B. Formal organization
 - 1. timing
 - 2. locale
 - 3. guidelines
 - 4. relation to Resident Commissioner
 - 5. relation to Marianas District Legislature
 - 6. Agenda
- II. Office of Transition Studies and Plans
 - A. Staff personnel selection process
 - B. Operational responsibilities and work plan
 - 1. statutory review
 - 2. economic and social planning
 - 3. fiscal planning
 - 4. CIP planning
 - C. Relationship to Joint Transition Commission
- III. Transition funding
- IV. Marianas Constitutional Convention
- V. Public Land Transfer
- VI. Implementation of Secretarial Order for Northern Mariana Islands
- VII. Implementation of COM/MDL Agreement

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