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MEMORANDUM

TO : Terry Doyle, Acting Regional Director/NANEAP
FROM: ~~Sandra Wojahn~~, CDO/Micronesia
SUBJ: Marianas Covenant

Please be advised that General Counsel received a copy of the original Marianas Covenant in December. I checked with Gary Simms and Dick Kasden on March 26, 1976 to see that they have it in their files. Acquiring another copy would probably take another two weeks. For additional information, Congressional Affairs would be more capable of obtaining correct legislative records.

Please advise General Counsel that Adrian De Graffenreid, Office of Micronesian Status (tel. 343-9144) would be a proper resource for clarification regarding the implementation of Federal programs in the Marianas. For your information, President Ford signed the Covenant on March 24. On the same day, a Secretarial Order providing for the establishment of a separate administration in the Marianas was also signed. My understanding is that Federal programs can not be implemented until a Constitution for the Marianas is approved by the U.S. Congress. The time frame is from six months to a year and a half. The original interpretation by GC indicated that Federal programs would be made available 180 days after the Presidential approval of the Covenant.

As you are aware, no plans exist for placement of additional PCVs in the Marianas. Mike Gale, DO Hawaii State Director participated in the last PC/M conference in late February. Programming possibilities were discussed and Mike sent his recommendation/Region IX. While that memo is presently in A/W, I do not have a copy. PC/Micronesia is quite willing to work with DO in the implementation of programs providing that legalities allow it.

Hopefully this provides you with the necessary information/^{to}clarify the Region's view towards the Marianas. I request that you cc Jack Burgess and Mike Gale as well as other A/DO staff on your GC memo.

cc: Jack Burgess
Mike Gale

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