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TO

: Paul Magid, General Counsel

DATE: March 31, 1976

FROM

Terence Soyle, Acting Regional Director, NANEAP

SUBJECT: Marianas' Covenant

On March 24, President Ford signed a covenant between the United States Government and the Mariana Islands. On the same day a Secretarial Order providing for the establishment of separate administration in the Marianas was also signed. I understand that Dick Kasden has a draft copy of the covenant.

Please advise me on any changes the covenant makes in the status of Peace Corps. This question is of interest also for Domestic Operations since it involves the possible implementation of Federal programs in the Marianas.

Attached is a memo from our Country Desk Officer for Micronesia giving additional background information.

cc: Dana Rodgers, DO



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