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Marianas' Covenant

Your memorandum to Paul Magid of March 31, 1976, has been referred to me for response.

We have re-examined the status of programmatic requirements in the Northern Mariana Islands in light of the passage of the Covenant and the issuance of the Secretarial Order. We generally concurt with the views expressed by Sandra Wojahn in her memorandum to you dated March 29, 1976. Domestic programming will be authorized in the Commonwealth on a date to be determined and proclaimed by the President of the United States which will be not more than 180 days after the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands has been approved by the United States. This effective date is later than the effective date suggested by this office in earlier memoranda.

It is further our understanding that present Peace Corps programming may continue unaffected until domestic programming becomes authorized and required.

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