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NR Recommendations re Clearance of Interior, Justice, Labor and State Reports on H.R. 11557, a Bill to Establish a Select Commission on Territorial Immigration Policy

Mr. Bernard Martin/LRD

Timing:

Hearings by the Judiciary Committee are scheduled for tomorrow, June 3, on this bill.

Agency Positions:

All four agencies recommend enactment of the bill. Interior and Justice suggest minor amendments in it.

NR Position:

NR Division believes that the creation of a Select Commission to conduct a study and analysis of the extent to which Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other territories and possessions of the U.S. require special treatment under the immigration and naturalization laws of the U.S. is a desirable idea. We agree with the Justice view that specialized legislation is the proper response to the unique problems of the territories.

Changes in Reports:

We recommend changes in two of the proposed reports as follows:

- In the Interior report, on page 2, delete the first full paragraph as marked.
- In the Justice report, on page 2, delete the last sentence in the first full paragraph as marked.

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Comment re Northern Mariana Islands:

We have no objection to the paragraph on page 2 of the Interior report concerning the Northern Mariana Islands. We understand from Interior staff that this paragraph was fully coordinated with the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations.

Recommendation:

We recommend no objection clearances for the reports if changed as recommended above.

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