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MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD WILLENS

Subject: Marianas

Herman Marcuse called me today. The apparent purpose of the call was to express his concern about the way that Brewster Chapman at the Interior Department is interpreting the Covenant. Herman said that Brewster (a) is a firm opponent of the Covenant, and continues to believe that his original commonwealth proposal should have been used; and (b) is giving "off-the-cuff" advice, both orally and in writing, that misinterprets the Covenant and is generally sloppy. Herman had no particular suggestion, but clearly wanted me to pass this on to you. Herman said that he had spoken to Eddy, but that Eddy was generally satisfied with Brewster's interpretations since some of them had been favorable to the Marianas.

Michael ~~MA~~ Helfer

cc: Deanne Siemer

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