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MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE

FROM: W. Clark McFadden II

RE: Report of the General Legislation Subcommittee on
H. J. Res. 549, the Marianas Covenant

Attached is a draft report for the General Legislation Subcommittee on the disposition of H. J. Res. 549, the Marianas Covenant. As the Subcommittee agreed, the draft report contains neither a conclusion or recommendation.

The summary section contains the basic outline of the report. In short, the report states:

- No crucial U.S. security interests are at stake in the Marianas; such security interests as the U.S. might have in the Marianas could be satisfied in a variety of ways other than through approval of the Covenant.
- Approval of the Covenant will not contribute to U.S. economic or other interests, but on the contrary will result in economic costs and other problems for the United States.
- Disposing of the Marianas at this time may cause unnecessary difficulties with the United Nations and set an unfortunate and disruptive precedent for dealing with the remaining Trust districts in Micronesia.

The thrust of the report is to the effect that U.S. interests would be better served through a more balanced and comprehensive arrangement dealing with the future status of the entire U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Disapproved by
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