


September 14, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. LAPIN, HELFER AND KOFFSKY

SUBJECT: Proposed legislation to establish a district court for the Northern Mariana Islands

Attached is a proposed bill to amend the Covenant to create a district court for the Northern Mariana Islands. There is no need for this legislation to be in the form of an amendment to the Covenant and I am looking for legal arguments or support in the legislative history for urging strongly that the district court be created via separate, implementing legislation. Mr. Marcuse is unfortunately taking the contrary view and, as you know, he is fairly difficult to budge on such matters.

 H. P. Willens

Attachment