MEMO

To: Legal team

From: Bernard Zimmerman

Subject: Research projects

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The following is a list of research projects, with tentative assignments:

1. The permissible use of other than total population data as a basis for reapportionment. BZ- done

2. Permissible residency limits for elected positions. BZ- done

3. An analysis of the Hawaii reapportionment experience. RM-3 June

4. Gathering of census data. RM-3 June

5. Permissible use of supermajorities. BZ draft; PMS to finalize.

6. Permissible residence requirements for voting. CK-2 June

7. Maximum deviations in population between districts permitted by recent reapportionment cases. BZ-3 June

8. Effect of a constitutional cap on the size of the Legislature should court rule the CNMI Legislature is malapportioned. PMS -10 June

9. May the Constitution give the Supreme Court the authority to issue advisory opinions? Prof. Desiderio/Cabrera

10. Is a qualification to run for public office that someone be born in the CNMI constitutional? CK-3 June

11. What legislation or constitutional provisions exist in other states for reducing the deficit? HW

12. Is it permissible to require a public official or employee to speak Chamorro or Carolinian as a qualification for office or condition of employment? BZ/CK

13. May the CNMI require that all public school students be taught Chamorro or Carolinian? BZ/CK

14. Can the CNMI require entering alien workers to pay fees for local services as a condition of being permitted to enter CNMI ? BZ/RM

I assume that Wilmer is working on the issues Howard asked them to tackle and that Joe will handle the issues he was asked to look at during the 16 May meeting. I also assume that Mr. Mantel will deal with the various issues Howard said he would assign to him.

If anyone has additional ideas for research that should be undertaken now, or wishes to work on any of these projects, let me know.