

March 9, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR

**Honorable John A. Carver, Jr.
Under Secretary of the Interior**

John:

**Should the President see the mayor of Saipan
and his delegation? I rather think not, myself.**

**Harry C. McPherson, Jr.
Special Counsel to the President**

**Attachment - Ltr to Lee White, Mar 3, 1966, from Vicente D. Sablan,
Mayor, Saipan, Mariana Islands
re: people of Marianas are sending gift to President;
hope to be able to present it March 14.**



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

Memorandum for Mr. Harry C. McPherson, Jr.
The White House

With respect to your inquiry concerning the imminent arrival of the Mayor of Saipan and his delegation and their expressed desire to call upon the President, I do not believe it will be necessary for the President to meet with them.

Preparations have been made to meet with them here in the Department both in the Office of Territories and at the Secretarial level. Similarly, we are making arrangements for them to meet with appropriate State Department officials.

Insofar as the gift to the President is concerned, either I or Assistant Secretary Anderson will be pleased to accept the gift on behalf of the President, and at the same time extend a welcome to the delegation as the President's designee.

Mayor Sablan's letter is returned for your further consideration.

(s) John G. Thompson, Jr.
Acting Secretary of the Interior

Enclosure