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MEMORANDUM FOR: Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
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SUBJECT: Update on Micronesia  
and the Marianas

1. The provisions for the unilateral termination of the Micronesian proposal has been further modified. The proposal as modified provides that the Micronesians can not unilaterally terminate until U.S. security has been assured.
2. The Micronesian discussions have slowed somewhat so they are not as advanced as those involving the Marianas.
3. The election results of earlier this month may have a slowing effect on the Marianas. The chief negotiators for the Marianas, who were members of the Trust Territory legislature, were defeated. Their seats were taken by members of a political party which is not as enthusiastic about a commonwealth agreement as those presently in office.
4. Ambassador Williams has a negotiating session scheduled with the present Marianas negotiators who were not successful in their bid for re-election in order to push forward as much as possible with commonwealth status as possible.

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