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SAIPAN - Ambassador Williams Saturday outlined the steps which must be taken before the Marianas formally joins the American political family. They are:

- Signing of the Covenant - February 15, 1975.
- Approval by the Marianas Legislature - during the current session.

- Plebescite - possibly this June.

- Issuance of a Secretarial Order to separate the Administration of the Marianas - possible during the summer.

- Approval by the U.S. Congress - possibly in Fall, 1975.

- Holding of a constitutional convention - possibly early 1976.

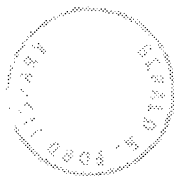
- Referendum to ratify constitution - possibly in Spring, 1976.

- Approval of the constitution by the U.S. Congress - possibly in Spring, 1976.

- Installation of the Commonwealth government - possibly in Fall, 1976.

- Proclamation by the U.S. President to formalize the political union - possibly in 1980 or 1981 when the Trusteeship Agreement comes to an end for all Micronesia.

Ambassador Williams stressed that the time table is provisional depending on a favorable outcome of the plebescite to be held in June.



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