NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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URGENT ACTION

March 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

W. R. SMYSER WRS/HM-

SUBJECT:

Proposed Call on the President by Two Northern Marianas Leaders

At Tab A is a draft Schedule Proposal from you to the President recommending that he receive for a brief courtesy call two Northern Marianas political leaders who will be here March 10-14 to testify before the Jackson Committee hearings on our administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). Ambassador F. Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, has recommended this call as a means of strengthening support for the Commonwealth Covenant which we signed with the Northern Marianas on February 15. The Covenant is to be submitted to a plebiscite before next July. There is some opposition in the Northern Marianas to the agreement, and leaders in the other five districts of Micronesia have not yet given up their effort to bring the Northern Marianas back into their fold.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the draft Schedule Proposal for the President at Tab A.

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