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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
SUBJECT: Congressional Inquiries on Southeast Asia and on the Marianas

We have received memoranda from you regarding Congressman Don Clausen's interest in Southeast Asia (Tab A) and Congressman William Ketchum's in the Marianas (Tab B).

Our senior staff man for Asia, Dick Smyser, has been in touch with Don Clausen. He listened to Clausen's suggestions, which focus on an Asian peace-keeping force for Southeast Asia, and he said that we would study them. He invited Clausen to send us his papers on the subject. Those papers are now at the State Department for their comment, and we expect to get back to Clausen next week.

To deal with Congressman Ketchum's request in the most informed way, we asked Hayden Williams, the President's personal representative for Micronesian negotiations, to talk to Ketchum on our behalf. Williams has reported that he spent a couple of hours with Ketchum and responded fully to Ketchum's questions. He believes Ketchum will now support the Marianas legislation.

I appreciate your calling these congressional inquiries to our attention.

*House Territorial + Insular Affairs Subcommittee*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION  
March 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: W. R. SMYSEK  
SUBJECT: Replies to Jack Marsh on Two  
Congressional Matters

Jack Marsh has sent us two notes in which he asked us to handle inquiries from two congressmen. The first (Tab A) concerned Congressman Don Clausen's request to have us review his ideas on Indochina and Southeast Asia. The second (Tab B) concerned Congressman William Ketchum's request for some information regarding our position on the Marianas.

We are dealing with both these problems.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memorandum to Jack Marsh (Tab I).

Les Janka concurs.

*LJ*