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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *W.N. Walker*  
SUBJECT: Commissioner to Conduct the  
Plebiscite in the Northern  
Marianas

This memorandum seeks to confirm your decision to appoint Erwin D. Canham as Plebiscite Commissioner to conduct a plebiscite in the Northern Marianas for the purpose of determining Commonwealth status.

Mr. Canham was formerly Editor in Chief of the Christian Science Monitor and has served on the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

The Departments of State, Defense, and Interior have concurred in the recommendation of Mr. Canham for this post.

Approve *WR-7* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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