ACTION

June 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

W. R. SMYSER

SUBJECT:

Presidential Statement on Northern

Marianas Plebiscite

With all ballots counted except for absentee ballots, the vote in the Northern Mariana Islands plebiscite shows 78 percent in favor of a commonwealth relationship with the United States. This is an even more favorable vote than had been expected.

We have prepared a Presidential statement welcoming the results of the plebiscite (Tab A) and we would like to be able to release this as soon as possible today.

Paul Theis has cleared the text of the proposed statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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