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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

URGENT ACTION

June 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER   
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter Transmitting the  
Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant  
to Establish a Commonwealth of the  
Northern Marianas

As you know, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands voted in a plebiscite on June 17 to approve the commonwealth status as set forth in the "Covenant to establish the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States of America." Your Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, Ambassador F. Haydn Williams, has written you (Tab III) formally requesting that the Covenant be submitted to the Congress as speedily as possible in order to accommodate the desires of Congressional leaders who wish to act on the Covenant before the August recess.

Attached at Tabs I and II are letters from yourself to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House transmitting the proposed Joint Resolution which would provide Congressional approval of the Covenant.

The letters to Congress and the Joint Resolution have been approved by Mr. Friedersdorf and cleared through all the interested departments by OMB. Mr. Theis has cleared the text.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letters at Tabs I and II.

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