

Recommendation Commission
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: Jeff: Memo sent
to Arnie
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FROM: JEFFREY FARROW *JFF*

SUBJECT: Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws

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As requested, I had Mike Cardozo review this matter and he has cleared the propriety of Phil Burton, Jim Joseph and I serving as the U.S. resident members of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws.

Because of issues such as the impact of fisheries laws which have developed since the creation of the Commonwealth in January 1978, it is important that this already funded commission begin to function as soon as possible. Accordingly, I have drafted the attached memorandum of recommendation for you.

I should note that the territorial policy task force can be expected to recommend the creation of either one territory-wide or individual territory commissions to serve the same function for the Virgin Islands, Guam and Samoa. While I favor one commission so that recommendations can be uniform, the unique status of the N.M.I. established by the Covenant mandates an individual body for those islands.

Jeff: Point out by asterisk in some other way the 2 instances in which our recommendations differ from Andrews!

Stu 11/29

Stu:
I have (by asterisk) and attached my earlier memo for your reference.

Jeff