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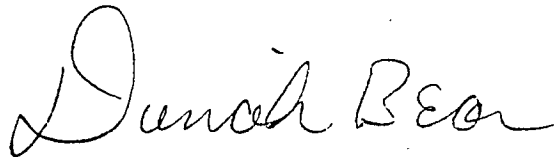
FOR: Ronald K. Peterson For Assistant Director for  
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SUBJECT: State's draft Compact of Free Association, including a  
draft Presidential letter and Section-by-Section  
Analysis

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The proposed Compact of Free Association recognizes a desire to terminate the current trusteeship between the United States, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands and to establish a new legal relationship between the U.S. and the peoples of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. The Compact addresses a very wide range of issues; the Council is, of course, most concerned with the provisions for environmental protection (Article VI).

In this respect, the Council supports the provisions of Sections 161, 162, and 163 (Article IV) which enact a policy "to prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and to enrich understanding of the natural resources of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia". In particular, the Council supports the applicability of the National Environmental Policy Act to U.S. activities under the Compact and related agreements, and U.S. compliance with other federal environmental laws when an EIS is prepared. The Council also supports the reciprocal obligation of the Governments of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia to develop and enforce standards and procedures for protection of their particular environments.



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