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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAVID A. STOCKMAN *DAS*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION ENTITLED
"APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CITIZENS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS"

SUMMARY. This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed Executive proclamation which would provide that requirements of United States citizenship or nationality in certain statutes shall not be applicable to citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands.

BACKGROUND. Public Law 98-213, signed December 8, 1983, provides that the President may provide by proclamation that requirements of United States citizenship may be waived for citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands for certain statutes listed in the Interim Report of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws. The law further provides that, if an implementing proclamation is not issued within six months of the effective date of the statute, then the requirement of United States citizenship is automatically waived for citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands for all the statutes listed in the Interim Report.

The proposed proclamation would implement Public Law 98-213 by providing that the citizenship requirements of certain specific laws shall not be applicable to citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands. Under this unique statutory mechanism, the more important effect of this proclamation will be to maintain citizenship requirements for certain statutes, primarily involving the foreign relations of the United States, which were eligible for inclusion in the proclamation but, at the request of the Department of State, were not listed.

The proposed proclamation must be signed by June 8, 1984, in order to prevent the automatic waiver of citizenship requirements under the statutes not designated for inclusion.

As revised, none of the affected agencies has objected to the proposed proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION. I recommend that you sign the proposed Executive proclamation.

Attachment