



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM:

PETER J. RUSTHOVEN

SUBJECT:

Proposed Proclamation on "Application of Certain Laws of the United States to Citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands"

Richard Darman's office asked for comments by 2:00 p.m. today on the above-referenced proposed proclamation, which would, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 98-213 (copy attached), exempt citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands from the United States citizenship or nationality requirements of certain Federal statutes. The statutes in question cover a variety of topics, such as eligibility for Federal employment; the action being taken is evidently one part of a more general adjustment in relations between the U.S. and various Pacific islands.

Section 19 of Pub. L. No. 98-213 states that the President may by proclamation "provide that the requirement of United States citizenship or nationality provided for in any of the statutes listed on pages 63-74 of the Interim Report of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws . . . shall not be applicable to the citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands." If, however, the President does not act within six months of the effective date of the Act, section 21 states that the U.S. citizenship or nationality requirements of all statutes listed in this part of the Interim Report will not apply to Northern Mariana Islands citizens. Since the State Department did not want to lift these requirements for certain statutes involving foreign relations, a proposed proclamation covering the other statutes was prepared. As Pub. L. No. 98-213 was approved December 8, 1983, the six month deadline will expire June 8.

Both OMB and OLC have approved the proclamation. Though I am relying on them as to the accuracy of the multi-page listing of statutory sections that comprises the bulk of the proclamation, I have checked the underlying statute, as described There appear to be no legal or other problems on which our office need comment; however, I think we should recommend Presidential action before (rather than on) June 8, to avoid any issue as to whether the six-month deadline has been met.

A memorandum for Darman is attached for your review and signature.

Attachments

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June 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM:

RICHARD A. HAUSER

DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Proclamation on "Application of Certain Laws of the United States to Citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands"

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced proclamation and has no legal or other substantive objection to it.

We are necessarily relying on OMB and the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice, however, as to the accuracy of the multi-page listing of affected statutory sections that comprises the bulk of the proclamation. Also, since the relevant underlying statute (Pub. L. No. 98-213) sets a six-month deadline for this action and was approved December 8, 1983, it would be preferable to have the proclamation signed before (rather than on) June 8, to avoid any issue as to whether the deadline has been met.

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Please provide any comments/recommendations on the attached proposed executive proclamation by 2:00 p.m. TODAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

June 5, 1984

NSC concurs in attached proposed executive proclamation.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

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OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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[☐] John A. Svahn Assistant to the President for Policy Development (x6515)

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RESPONSE: We're was aware of any									

Richard G. Darman **Assistant to the President** Ext. 2702