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- Testimony on The Compact of Free RE: Association, House Document 98-192

Attached is our proposed statement before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for June 12, 1984.

✓ cc: Fred F. Fielding



## Statement

of

Robert B. Shanks Deputy Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel

Before

The

Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

United States House of Representatives

on

June 12, 1984

Concerning

The Compact of Free Association House Document 98-192 Mr. Chairman:

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My name is Robert B. Shanks. I am a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice. I am accompanied by Mr. Herman Marcuse, who is an Attorney-Adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel.

We are pleased to comply with your request for the views of the Department of Justice on sections 141 through 144 (immigration), sections 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176 and 178 (general legal provisions) and sections 421 through 424 (conference and dispute resolution) of the Compact of Free Association with the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The position of the Administration on the subject matter of today's hearing, however, has been set fully forth in Ambassador Zeder's testimony, and the views of the Department of Justice on sections 141 through 144, 171 through 176, 178 and 421 through 424 have been incorporated into Ambassador Zeder's statement. It would therefore needlessly take up this Committee's time if I repeated those views here. Of course, if you or other members of the subcommittee have any specific questions, Mr. Marcuse and I shall endeavor to answer them to the best of our ability.

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