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MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN 

SUBJECT: Draft Statement by Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert Shanks about the Compact of Free Association with the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia

The Justice Department's Office of Legislative Affairs copied our office on a memorandum forwarding to OMB's Legislative Reference Division a draft statement on the Compact of Free Association with the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, which Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert Shanks (Office of Legal Counsel) was to deliver on Tuesday, June 12, before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Comments were to be directed to OMB's Randy Coleman. */

Shanks' statement was only a page in length, and said simply that the Justice Department views requested by the Subcommittee on certain sections of the Compact had been included in the general State Department testimony about the Compact. After confirming with Coleman that the State Department testimony supported the Compact (which is the Administration position), I advised him that we would have no comment on the Shanks statement, which may be filed. Thank you.

*/ For some reason, two copies of the Justice Department memorandum and attached statement were staffed to me. Both tracking sheets are attached.