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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: William Clark *WJC*

Subject: Appointment of Special Representative to Recommend  
Future Financial Assistance to the Northern Mariana  
Islands

The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America requires your appointment of a special representative to meet with the representative of the Northern Mariana Islands before September 30, 1984. The purpose of this meeting is to consider and make recommendations regarding future multi-year financial assistance to the Northern Marianas.

This recommendation will become part of the Interior Department budget request for territorial administration. The Assistant Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs, Richard T. Montoya, is responsible for Federal relations with the territories and for the preparation of the budget submission for financial assistance to the territories, including the Northern Marianas. Thus, I recommend that you appoint Assistant Secretary Montoya as the special representative required by the Covenant.

APPROVED: *Ronald Reagan*

August 9, 1984