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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Administration Response to Representative Young
on Compact of Free Association

REFERENCE: Representative Young's April 29, 1985 Letter (Tab A)

The letter from Representative Young to Mr. Friedersdorf, at Tab A, requests that the Administration conduct another policy review of the Compact of Free Association which is now pending before the Congress. Mr. Friedersdorf's office has sent an initial reply to the Young letter and attached at Tab B is a proposed Administration response. This reply recommends that Representative Young's concerns with regard to the Compact should be discussed between him and the Administration's chief spokesman, Ambassador Fred Zeder. Further, the response will enclose a recent letter to the Hill leadership in which the Secretaries of State, Defense and Interior recommend prompt approval of the Compact (Tab C).

FYI: The House Foreign Affairs Committee completed its mark-up of the Compact today, and all amendments were coordinated with the Administration in advance and are acceptable. Next week (May 21st) the Interior Subcommittee, chaired by Representative Seiberling, will mark-up the Compact, and the full Committee (Representative Udall) will mark-up on May 30th. Representative Don Young is the ranking minority member on the Interior Committee and it is crucial that we get to him prior to the full Committee mark-up.

Ambassador Zeder has a meeting with the Vice President's staff (Craig Fuller) tomorrow, and will recommend a call from the VP to Representative Young. The High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, Janet McCoy, knows Representative Young and will also call him and urge that he support the Compact and, give the Administration a chance to present its side of the Compact story.