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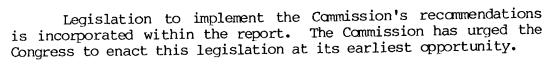
Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is Welcoming America's New Commonwealth: The Second Interim Report of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws to the Congress of the United States. The Commission, appointed by the President pursuant to section 504 of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America (approved by Public Law 94-241, 90 Stat. 263, March 24, 1976), is instructed "to survey the laws of the United States and to make recommendations to the United States Congress as to which laws of the United States not applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands should be made applicable and to what extent and in what manner, and which applicable laws should be made inapplicable and to what extent and in what manner."

The Commission is required to make its final report and recommendations to Congress within one year after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement pursuant to which the United States now administers the Northern Mariana Islands. Before that time, the Commission is authorized to "make such interim reports and recommendations to the Congress as it considers appropriate to facilitate the transition of the Northern Mariana Islands to its new political status."

The enclosed second interim report of the Commission is comprehensive and for all practical purposes may be the final The date the Trusteeship Agreement report of the Commission. will be terminated is not now known, however, and developments between now and the Commission's statutory expiration one year make desirable trusteeship may of. the termination after by recommendations Congress to further submission of Accordingly, even though the Commission's staff will be disbanded after submission of this report, the report is labelled as interim rather than final.

A nine-page executive summary of the report appears immediately after the table of contents.



Sincerely,

Daniel H. MacMeekin

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