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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 14, 1985

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director of
Presidential Scheduling

FROM: M. B. Oglesby, Jr. *Bo*

REQUEST: Signing Ceremony for H. J. Res. 187, the
Compact of Free Association

PURPOSE: To highlight the President's signing of
H. J. Res. 187.

*Oglesby coordinate
with McFarlane*

BACKGROUND: On Friday, December 13, the Senate approved
H. J. Res. 187 without amendment, thus
clearing the measure for White House action.
This legislation approves the Compact of Free
Association with the Federated States of
Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

When signed into law by the President and
after action by the United Nations, the
United States will terminate the United
Nations trusteeship over these areas which we
have exercised since World War II.
Congressional approval marks the end of a
fourteen year process negotiating the future
political status of the Trust Territory of
the Pacific Islands and represents a major
foreign policy achievement for the Reagan
Administration.

The agreement will secure unlimited access to
the Kwajalein Missile Range for the United
States, deny the region to the Soviet Union
and other nations in perpetuity, and create a
political relationship for the United States
unique in its history.

The State Department has requested a signing
ceremony to help foster a cooperative
environment for the agreement's
implementation, lay the groundwork for the
negotiation and passage of a similar
agreement with neighboring Palau, and set the
stage for upcoming United Nations meetings on
these self-determination efforts. In
addition, this gesture would be deeply
appreciated by the Micronesians and help heal

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advised Oglesby per
Clerk's, that bill
won't be printed til
at least 12/23 —
they will reschedule
the pressure Hill.
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me of the wounds created by Congress's
extensive revision of important provisions of
the Compact. The National Security Council
supports this request.

one on this issue.

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DURATION: 10 minutes

- LOCATION: To be determined (The Department of State has recommended a location sufficient to accommodate between 75 - 100 guests.)
- PARTICIPANTS: To be provided.
- OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Guests are to arrive through the Northwest gate, and be escorted from the West Lobby to a selected location for a 10 minute signing ceremony.
- REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided.
- MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Press Corps.
- PROPOSED PHOTO: Photo of President signing legislation; photo of President greeting trust territory leaders and Members of Congress.
- RECOMMENDED BY: M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
- OPPOSED BY: None
- PROJECT OFFICERS: Alan Kranowitz
Edward Fox