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MEMORANDUM

Re: Proposed Executive order entitled  
"Relations with the Northern Mariana Islands"

The attached proposed Executive order has been submitted by the Department of the Interior. The Office of Management and Budget, with the approval of the Director, has forwarded it to this Department for review of its form and legality.

The proposed Executive order will place under the general administrative supervision of the Secretary of the Interior the relations of the United States with the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands in all matters that are not the program responsibility of another federal department or agency. While there is no specific statutory authorization for this order, it is based on the President's general power to allocate within the Executive branch responsibilities that are not by statute vested in a specific department or agency.

The proposed Executive order is acceptable with respect to form and legality.

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Attachment