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MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY SPEAKES

FROM: RODNEY B. McDANIEL *ROM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Statement (as Press Release) to  
Accompany Presidential Proclamation on Micronesia,  
November 3, 1986

It is planned that the President sign a Proclamation Monday, November 3, 1986, announcing the new status of the Micronesian Islands effective that day. The Northern Mariana Islands join the United States as a new territory with Commonwealth status and the Federated States of Micronesia becomes a self-governing nation in free association with the United States.

This is big news in the Pacific. The Northern Marianas have declared a two-day national holiday, and the FSM, one day.

We think it is important that a Presidential statement, commenting on the Proclamation, be issued as a press release concurrently on November 3. The statement (at Tab A) has been cleared with State, Interior, Justice, Defense, OMB, OMSN and the NSC, and the speechwriters.

Also attached (Tab B) are Qs and As, similarly cleared.

Attachments

Tab A Presidential Statement for Press Release  
Tab B Qs/As

cc: David Chew

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