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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Donald Paul Hodel *DPH*

Subject: Appointment of a Special Representative to meet with a representative of the Northern Mariana Islands to consider issues affecting the relationship of such Islands and the United States

The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, approved in 1976 and fully effective as of November 4, 1986, provides in section 902 for your appointment of a special representative. That representative is to meet with the special representative appointed by the Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands to consider issues affecting the relationship between the two governments. The issues to be considered may be designated by either government.

Until his resignation, your special representative for this purpose was the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Territorial and International Affairs, Richard T. Montoya. At the time of his departure several issues designated by each government under section 902 of the Covenant, had been discussed but were unresolved. I recommend that you appoint Becky Norton Dunlop as your special representative for purposes of section 902 of the Covenant. Mrs. Dunlop who is the Deputy Under Secretary of the Interior works on the policy and budget issues of the Department of the Interior including the territories and the Northern Marianas.

Additionally, she serves on numerous interdepartmental task forces dealing with a broad range of domestic, economic and foreign policy issues thus bringing a strong background for dealing with the issues under discussion with the Northern Marianas.

APPROVED: *Ronald Reagan*

Per Jeanine Chase, PPO, the President signed this memo on April 14, 1988.

This designation was announced on 5/13/88 (copy attached).

The original, which was dated 4/14/88 and obtained from PPO on 6/22/88. was mailed to Becky Norton Dunlop on 6/23/88.