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March 20, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY GROUP
ON PUERTO RICO

FROM: Mickey Ibarra, Co-Chair and 
White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

Jeffrey Farrow, Co-Chair

SUBJECT: March 28 Meeting

The Interagency Group on Puerto Rico will meet on Tuesday, March 28 at 2:30 PM in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. The primary purpose is to discuss the President's priorities regarding Puerto Rico. They include:

- his initiative to enable the citizens of the Commonwealth to choose the islands' ultimate political status, and
- the measures he has directed to meet the concerns of the residents of the island of Vieques related to the Navy target range.

Please call Mayra Martinez-Fernandez of the Interagency Group staff to inform her of who will attend this meeting and provide birth date and Social Security number for clearance purposes. Her phone number is 482-0037 (telefax number 482-2337).



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

Memorandum

To: Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA) Representatives

From: John Berry, Co-Chair IGIA and Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior

Cc: Jeffrey Farrow, Co-Chair IGIA and Co-Chair, The President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico

Subject: Preliminary Clearance of IGIA Report to Insular Governors and Delegates

Date: March 16, 2000

Thank you for your participation at the IGIA principals' meeting on March 1. We especially appreciate the time that you and your agencies have invested in providing program inventories and agency feedback in the "issue cluster" working groups leading up to the March 1 meeting. As a result of your efforts, the IGIA has achieved a successful start in its dialogue with the insular area governors and delegates.

As discussed at the March 1 meeting, we are attaching for your review and comment the following documents: (a) draft IGIA Progress Report to the insular area governors and delegates; (b) list of attendees at the March 1 meeting; and (c) the IGIA membership list with contact numbers. The draft IGIA Progress Report should reflect accurately your positions in all respects. We are counting on your input, and we plan to transmit these documents to the insular areas by March 31.

In order to facilitate timely feedback on these documents, we have scheduled follow-up meetings on March 22 and 23 at the Department of the Interior, Room 4311. A schedule of meetings, issues and relevant agencies is attached. A teleconference bridge will be available by dialing (202) 482-7305 with access code #1049.

We anticipate that these meetings will move quickly, especially if each agency attempts to resolve issues or generate alternative approaches that are within their jurisdiction. In particular, these meetings will focus on reaching agreement on how to characterize the follow-up actions that are contained in the draft IGIA Progress Report.

Once your feedback is received and incorporated in these draft documents, we plan to initiate a more formal agency clearance process through the Office of Management and Budget, tentatively beginning on March 24. Again, our goal is to get formal clearance in time to transmit these documents to the insular area governors by March 31.

Should you have any questions, please contact Danny Aranza, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs at (202) 208-4736 by phone, (202) 219-1989 by fax, or "danny.aranza@ios.doi.gov" by e-mail.

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MEETING DATE	EXPECTED DEPARTMENTS	ISSUES TO DISCUSS
Wednesday, 3/22/00 DOI - Main Interior Building Room 4311		
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Interior, Commerce (EDA, USFSC, Census), Labor, Treasury	• Leveraging technical assistance for economic planning • Including islands in Federal trade missions • Including islands in tax treaty negotiations • Applying U.S. statistical programs to islands
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Interior, Treasury, White House (NEC), HUD, Commerce (SBA, MBDA), USDA	• Including the islands in the President's New Market and Empowerment Zone Initiatives
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Interior, Justice, State	• Reviewing immigration and prison issues
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Interior, Labor	• Reviewing job training program funding and planning assistance
Thursday, 3/23/00 DOI- Main Interior Building Room 4311		
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Interior (OIA, IG), DOE, HHS, HUD, DOJ, USDA, Commerce	• Reviewing the approach to insular areas • Improving grant management capabilities
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Interior, EPA, FEMA	• Leveraging technical assistance for VI waste water facilities • Waiving insurance requirements re concrete buildings
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Interior (OIA, FWS), EPA, DOD, DOD/ACE, GSA	• Reviewing Ritidian issues and Saipan mitigation bank requirements • Applying normal environmental procedures and fostering better public outreach on Tanapag PCB issues • Coordinating administrative processes to provide adequate notice of issues surrounding the availability of excess lands to island governments
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Interior, DOT, State	• Including the insular areas in "Open Sky" and bilateral agreements

INTERAGENCY
GROUP ON
INSULAR
AREAS
(IGIA)

DRAFT
PROGRESS REPORT
ON
ISLAND/FEDERAL
ISSUES

A. ACTION PLANS FOR 15 PHASE ONE ITEMS

1. Assistance for Economic Planning

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior, Department of Commerce/Economic Development Agency (EDA)

Action Items:

- ✓ EDA will identify grant programs and other funding streams to assist territories in developing economic plans and strengthening planning capabilities.

2. Include the Islands in Federal Trade Missions

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior/Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Commerce/US and Foreign Commercial Service (USFCS)

Action Items:

- ✓ The Office of Insular Affairs and USFCS will provide a list of upcoming missions of interest to insular areas.
- ✓ US and Foreign Commercial Service will invite representatives from insular areas to participate in appropriate missions.

3. Include the Islands in re-negotiation of Tax Treaties; formulate a replacement for the Foreign Sales Corporations (FSC) tax program

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior, Department of the Treasury, US Trade Representative

Action Items:

- ✓ Treasury will summarize the status of current tax treaties and when new negotiations may be scheduled.
- ✓ Treasury and OIA will expedite an Administration review of HR 2462, section 3, which would permit Guam to match Federal withholding rates on remittances abroad.
- ✓ USTR, OIA and Treasury will facilitate meetings with insular area representatives to update them on possible options and future actions regarding FSC's.

4. Review of visa requirements and eligibility, reimbursement for housing smuggled aliens, Bureau of Prison debt, habitual residence regulations

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of State, Department of Labor

Action Items:

- ✓ The Department of Justice will review the following territorial requests for visa programs:
 - ☐ Shoppers
 - ☐ Fishing crew members
 - ☐ Fiancé and fiancée
 - ☐ Bereavement
 - ☐ Family members
 - ☐ Guam-only Philippine citizens.
- ✓ The Department of Justice, the Virgin Islands and Guam will meet to review and compare their respective methods for calculating the per prisoner cost and thereafter will discuss the per prisoner reimbursement figure to the Virgin Islands and Guam for the housing of illegal aliens
- ✓ The Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service will respond to an IGIA request for a time line for the issuance of congressionally mandated regulations on habitual residents from the freely associated states who reside in the territories
- ✓ The Department of Justice will review the Virgin Islands' rationale for write-off of debt owed to the Bureau of Prisons by the Government of the Virgin Islands
- ✓ The IGIA will convene a meeting of the interested Federal agencies (DOJ, DOS, DOL, DOI) with knowledgeable territorial representatives to discuss and seek conclusions to these immigration and prison issues.

5. Job training assistance

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Education (DOEd), Department of Labor (DOL)

Action Items:

- ✓ The Region IX Outer-Pacific Task Force will assign a multi-agency team to provide technical assistance to the CNMI, in developing a strategic community-based vocational training plan that maximizes combined funding support from Federal, local, and private sources.
- ✓ DOEd and DOL will identify grant programs and other funding streams that will enable the Insular areas to improve and expand vocational counseling in high schools.
- ✓ DOEd and DOL will identify grant programs and other funding streams to strengthen vocational training in all insular areas, and will enlist other appropriate Federal departments and agencies as partners in that effort.

6. Review of Interior Inspector General's approach in insular areas

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior/OIA/IG

Action Items:

- ✓ At the request of the IGIA, a meeting was held on March 7, 2000 to begin a dialogue on the issues surrounding the Inspector General's approach in the insular areas.
- ✓ Inspector General will prepare a summary of recommendations which need urgent attention by island governments
- ✓ The Office of Insular Affairs and the Inspector General will work with the island governments to devise a process for refining recommendations made as a result of audits, and for implementing recommendations after full input is received
- ✓ The Office of Insular Affairs will coordinate and facilitate meetings between the Interior Inspector General, DOEd, HHS, HUD, DOJ, USDA, and Commerce on all financial assistance programs to improve island grant management capabilities, accountability and processes

7. Inclusion in New Markets Initiative, Empowerment Zones:

Federal agencies: Department of the Treasury, White House/National Economic Council (NEC), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Commerce/Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Action Items:

- ✓ Application of the the New Market Initiatives as appropriate to the territories
- ✓ Agencies will discuss the application of the New Market tax credits, the New Market America's Private Investment Corporation and the New Market Venture Capital proposal to the insular areas.
- ✓ OIA seeks favorable federal agency comment on the passage of H.R. 3247 which would extend to all insular areas the development of Enterprise/Empowerment Zone Designation which can assist with revitalizing depressed areas as a means to promote economic growth in ways aside from federal tax incentives.

8. Apply US Statistical Programs in insular areas:

Federal agencies: Department of Commerce/Census Bureau/Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Action Items:

- ✓ OIA and Census will identify statistical programs not now applied in the insular areas and will clarify the issues surrounding the application of such programs to the insular areas.

9. Review of Ritidian issues and Saipan Mitigation bank requirements.

Federal agencies: Interior/Fish and Wildlife Service/Solicitor's Office of Interior (FWS/OIA/SOL), General Services Administration (GSA)

Action Items:

- ✓ Secretary Babbitt will schedule a meeting with Guam Governor Gutierrez to address Ritidian issues in light of recent exchange of correspondence. On the agenda:
 - Discuss potential joint conservation efforts by FWS and GovGuam
 - Discuss potential lawsuit by Marianas Audubon Society and Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund to obtain a preliminary sense of GovGuam's legal position and the necessity to abide by the Endangered Species Act.
 - Discuss the Department of the Interior's efforts to manage and eradicate the Brown Tree Snake and reintroduce the endangered species
 - Discuss the Guam National Wildlife Refuge's current staffing and employee practices
 - Discuss working more closely with and sharing information with Guam's Aquatic Wildlife Resources Division
 - Discuss the potential for Refuge and GovGuam personnel to respond jointly upon rescue and medical emergencies
 - Discuss GovGuam's poaching enforcement efforts
- ✓ FWS Director will provide to CNMI Governor Tenorio a status update on Saipan mitigation bank issues.
 - outline the mitigation conditions currently being proposed by FWS
 - outline the legal and scientific bases upon which mitigation is sought
 - raise other options and alternatives for mitigation conditions including responding to the CNMI's proposals
 - offer regular meetings/communications with Governor's office

10. Leverage construction funds and technical assistance on VI wastewater facilities

Federal agencies: Interior, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USDA, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA)

Action Items:

- ✓ OIA will arrange a meeting between the VI, EPA and FAA to further refine a Waste Management Plan
- ✓ OIA will arrange a meeting between the VI, EPA and USDA to develop a plan to help the VI access wastewater construction and maintenance programs

11. Apply normal environmental procedures and foster better public outreach on Tanapag PCB issues.

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior/OIA, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Defense (DOD)/Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Action Items:

- ✓ OIA will transmit a summary of the Tanapag PCB action plan to CNMI Governor Tenorio and CNMI Resident Representative Babauta
- ✓ OIA will offer to provide technical assistance to the CNMI to help in public outreach efforts by EPA and ACE
- ✓ OIA, EPA, ACE and DOD will conduct regular meetings with the offices of the Governor and Resident Representative to provide updates and obtain input, particularly on appropriate standards of clean up, remediation costs and funding sources
- ✓ The IGIA will encourage HHS to define a specific protocol for PCB exposure histories of past/present Tanapag residents, and as related to the subsequent conduct of medical risk investigations.
- ✓ The HHS and ACE will jointly assist and support the CNMI in implementing biological testing and in providing any necessary follow-on medical care related to PCB exposure.

12. Waive Insurance requirements for concrete buildings

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior (OIA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Action Items:

- ✓ OIA will arrange a meeting with Mike Hirsch, FEMA's General Counsel to discuss the waiver possibility

13. Coordination of all financial assistance programs to improve island grant management capabilities, accountability and processes

Federal agencies: DOI/IG, DOEd, HHS, HUD, DOJ, USDA, and Commerce

Action Items:

- ✓ Region IX and Region II, respectively, will convene a multi-agency working group to identify grant management problems and provide the IGIA with recommended agency-specific activities to strengthen management capacities in the insular areas.
- ✓ OIA will coordinate the convening of insular area symposia to discuss major grant management problems, compliance incentives, and technical assistance available to the insular areas from Federal program offices.
- ✓ The IGIA will encourage a multi-year initiative by the appropriate Federal Departments or Agency program offices to team up and pool their resources to support a new position in each insular area, the mission of which will be to strengthen overall grants management procedures and processes.

14. Include insular areas in Transportation's "Open Sky" agreements and participation in bilateral agreements and participation in with Foreign Airlines:

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior, Department of Transportation (DOT)/FAA, Department of State

Actions:

The reciprocal landing rights agreements between the US and foreign countries cause foreign air carriers reluctance to land in insular areas.

- ✓ DOT will write to the Governors and explain that representation in bilateral agreements can be accomplished through the Airports Council of North America International, by requesting to have representatives sit at the table.
- ✓ Since the U.S. Trade Representative is notified when bilateral agreements will be negotiated, and the Department of State convenes the meeting at which DOT is a major participant, all Departments will work toward a system whereby notification of these meetings will go to the insular area Governors.
- ✓ A Federal Department/Island Partnership will be formed to conduct a series of further interagency and intergovernmental discussions on the issue of future bilateral agreements.

15. Coordinate administrative process of land return to better balance Guam's land needs with Federal requests for excess lands as parcels become available

Federal agencies: Department of the Interior (DOI), General Services Administration, Department of Defense

Action Items:

- ✓ DOI, GSA and DOD will evaluate the adequacy of the existing process regarding the availability of excess lands
- ✓ GSA will endeavor to provide early and expedited notification to the insular areas regarding the availability of federal excess lands
- ✓ The IGIA will coordinate efforts with Governor Gutierrez and Congressman Underwood on legislation to simplify and expedite the process of returning excess federal land to GovGuam

B. STATUS OF OTHER PHASE TWO ISSUES - ARRANGED BY ISLAND

American Samoa's other issues

1. Internal Revenue Code Section 936

This is the possessions tax credit, which effectively exempts U.S. corporations operating in insular areas from U.S. income tax. This incentive to the tuna canneries and to new investment in American Samoa is being sunsetted in 2005.

- ☐ A replacement for this 'possessions tax credit' is desired

Working group meeting held on 2/24/2000 with Treasury

Action Plan

- ✓ The Department of Treasury will consider the issue.

2. Trade Agreements

American Samoa would like to negotiate trade agreements directly with other countries.

Working group meeting held on 2/24/2000 with State, USTR and Commerce

Action Plan

- ✓ A Federal Department/Island Partnership will be formed to conduct a series of further interagency and intergovernmental discussions, with the goal of obtaining as much progress as possible and as quickly as possible toward greater inclusion of the islands in Federal Trade missions which could take the form of observer status or full participation.

3. SBA Minority Business Status

- ☐ American Samoa wants an SBA office in the territory.
- ☐ American Samoa wants the extension of minority business status - (8a) firms - to companies in American Samoa.

Working group meeting held on 2/24/2000 and 2/25/2000 with Commerce, SBA/MBDA

Action Plan

- ✓ Although there are no program impediments to the establishment of an SBA presence on American Samoa, an Island/Federal Partnership will be formed to discuss the potential for funding such an office.
- ✓ The SBA laws and regulations should be reviewed to confirm the scope of their programs' applicability in the territories.

4. Jurisdiction over certain islands

- American Samoa is interested in having jurisdiction over certain islands (Baker, Jarvis, etc.), now in administrative control of the Department of the Interior.
- American Samoa could extend its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in this fashion

Working group meetings held on February 28, 2000 with Interior, State, and Commerce and Defense.

Action Plan

- ✓ Although the State Department explained that American Samoa legally cannot extend its EEZ, and Congress would need to authorize the attachment of islands, a Federal Department/Island Partnership will be formed to conduct a series of further interagency and intergovernmental discussions, with the goal of obtaining as much progress as possible and as quickly as possible toward boosting the local fishing industry and protecting the American Samoa fleet.

5. Federal Program Eligibility

- American Samoa wants to be reinstated in the Federal Highway Administration T-21 program
- American Samoa would also like to be included in the Mass Transit ocean ferry vessels programs.

Working group meetings were held on 2/28/2000 with Department of Transportation (DOT)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Action Plan

- ✓ The Federal and insular participants agreed to conduct a series of further interagency and intergovernmental discussions, with the goal of obtaining as much progress as possible toward including American Samoa in these programs.

6. Federal Program changes

- American Samoa would like a waiver of the matching requirement under the Economic Development Administration's EDRLF program for the Development Bank of American Samoa
- The LBJ Hospital, the only hospital in the territory, would like to increase its annual allocation under the Medicaid block grant program.
- American Samoa needs assistance in understanding the programs under the Welfare Reform Act, and in participating in these programs.

Working group meetings held 2/24/2000, 2/25/2000, 2/28/2000 with all relevant agencies.

Action Plan

✓

Federal and Insular participants agreed to conduct a series of further interagency and intergovernmental discussions, with the goal of obtaining as much progress as possible in involving American Samoa in these programs.

7. Local Food Production

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The Government of American Samoa would like to increase local food production in order to both avoid excessive food prices and increase the production in the local economy and reduce the approximate 90% dependence on imports.

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The Government of American Samoa would like the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide technical assistance in the area of food research and development, in addition to those programs available from Hawaii.

Working group meetings were held on 2/28/2000 with USDA.

Action Plan

✓

USDA set up a further meeting on March 2, 2000 with ASG representatives. As a result of that meeting, American Samoa is now pursuing the use of rural development loans to fund training for farmers and training to increase productivity and land use.

8. Environmental Regulations

American Samoa requested that it be exempt from certain requirements under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act on the requirement to use a 2% land base fuel. They would like to use the 4% marine base fuel to cut their environmental requirements costs.

Working group session was held on 2/25/2000 with EPA.

Action Plan

✓

EPA and Department of Energy will look at alternative fuel approaches that may pose less economic hardship on the ASG and at the same time meet the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act requirements.

9. Forgiveness by FEMA of Disaster Loans

ASG would like forgiveness of certain FEMA debts incurred after Hurricanes.

Working group session was held on February 25, 2000 with HUD

Action Plan

✓

OIA will seek further clarification from American Samoa government on the details of their proposal and will coordinate follow-up meetings with FEMA

10. General Note 3(a)- Textiles

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American Samoa would like to have textiles cut and assembled in American Samoa but sewn elsewhere treated the same as textiles fashioned in Israel.

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American Samoa feels this will give a boost to their textiles industry.

Action Plan

✓

OIA will pursue this issue further with appropriate agencies

C.N.M.I.'s other issues**1. Compact Impact**

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The CNMI wishes to be compensated for the cost of the impact of Micronesian migrants who have entered the CNMI under the Compacts of Free Association.

Working group meeting held on 2/25/2000 with Department of the Interior/OIA

Action Plan

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OIA is preparing an annual Compact Impact report.

✓

OIA is reviewing the CNMI's request for compensation.

2. Investment and Tourism Promotion:

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The recent decline of tourism and the prospective decline of the garment industry highlight the need to revitalize tourism and promote new investment in other industries.

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Investment promotion needs to be coordinated with development planning.

□

Tourism officials have expressed a need to evaluate current promotional efforts to improve their efficiency.

Working group meeting held 2/25/2000 with Commerce/EDA/US and Foreign Commercial Service

Action Plan

✓

EDA may be able to assist in evaluating tourism promotion

3. Tax Reform:

- The CNMI's complex tax system is an obstacle to investment. Studies have been done on the system and the Federal government has recommended that the CNMI implement the mirror tax system as contemplated by the Covenant.

Working group meeting held on 2/24/2000 with Treasury

Action Plan

- ✓ Other tax issues were discussed but changing the CNMI tax system was not

Guam's other issues

1. Amend Treasury regulations on Residence of Trusts and Estates, 26 C.F.R. Part 301 and 602; Residence of Trusts and Estates 7701; Effective February 2, 2000

The regulations define and determine the residency of trusts as foreign or domestic for federal tax purposes.

- These new regulations make a distinction between "foreign" and "domestic" trust companies, with the effect that "domestic" trust companies can bring in overseas investment, while "foreign" trust companies cannot.
- The regulations do not include Guam (and the other territories) within the definition of "domestic trust companies", thereby excluding them from this potentially profitable benefit.
- Those entities selecting Guam banks for their trust accounts will be deemed foreign and taxed at higher rates. [See section 7701(a)(9)]

Working group meeting held on 2/24/2000 with Treasury, US Trade Representative (USTR) and Commerce

Action Plan

- ✓ This issue was discussed with all Departments, but the IGIA was informed that the Governor **no longer wanted to pursue relief from the definition**. This was a policy change implemented just prior to the working group sessions. **No further action will be taken on this issue.**

2. Reconsideration of Guam for homeporting of Navy Military Supply Ships and U.S. Navy Aircraft Carriers and for increased military training and increased liberty.

- During 1986-87, five U.S. Navy supply vessels were home ported on Guam with a combined personnel force totaling 2000 sailors and officers. Today only the USS Frank Cable is home ported on Guam with 400 people.

- Guam's research indicates that there will need to be additional spending on infrastructure, support facilities and manpower resources for Guam to be competitive with San Diego, Hawaii and Yokosuka, Japan. If the vessels now home ported in Yokosuka are ever relocated, Guam expects the major competitors will be Guam, San Diego and Singapore.
- Closer relations with the military: Guam wants DOD to consider using Guam more often as a Rest and Relaxation @ & R) port of call. Guam wants to encourage DOD to use the island more often as a training facility or training ground for maneuvers.

Working group meetings were held on 2/28/2000 with Defense.

Action Plan

- ✓ The DOD supports Guam's request for ships to stop for R&R, and agrees to logistical and training support in that regard.
- ✓ At the working group meetings, the DOD reported that it has no plan to assign additional ships anywhere in the Pacific Rim at this time. DOD agreed that it is a good idea to keep the issue of Guam home porting on the table in the event there are changes in Japan.

3. Tax Relief from the Imposition of new tax cuts and EITC: Give Guam an option

- The territories want to maximize their General Fund revenues through taxes without increasing taxes on the local population.
- The territories only want to choose those provisions of the IRS Tax Code and any subsequent reforms that favor their electorates.
- Guam wants the Federal Government to cover over the EITC back to the territories

Working group meeting held on 2/24/200 with Treasury.

Action Plan

- ✓ The IGIA and the Insular Areas agree to conduct a series of further interagency and intergovernmental discussions, with the goal of revisiting the provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, which authorized the territories to "de-link" from the mirror code, and re-evaluating the status of each territories' attempts to implement de-linkage, identify current issues and challenges, and issue recommendations to address delinkage.

Virgin Islands' other issues

1. Rum and Gasoline Tax cover-over

- The Virgin Islands would like the cover-over of 100% of U.S. excise taxes on VI rum to be made permanent and would like to receive a cover-over of taxes on gasoline as well.

Working group meeting held 2/24/2000 with Department of Treasury

Action Plan

- ✓ The Supreme Court ruled against the V.I.'s gasoline tax claim. There is no interest on the part of the Federal government to re visit this issue.
- ✓ The cover over law was then amended to limit it to rum. In 1998, the Clinton Administration asked Congress to increase the cover over on rum from \$10.50 to \$13.50 per proof gallon for five (5) years. After two years of effort, the Administration got Congress to increase the cover over to \$13.25 for 2 ½ years on the agreement that this issue would not be re opened.

2. Forgiveness by FEMA of Disaster Loans

The VI would like FEMA to forgive certain debts.

Working group session was held on February 25, 2000 with HUD

Action Plan

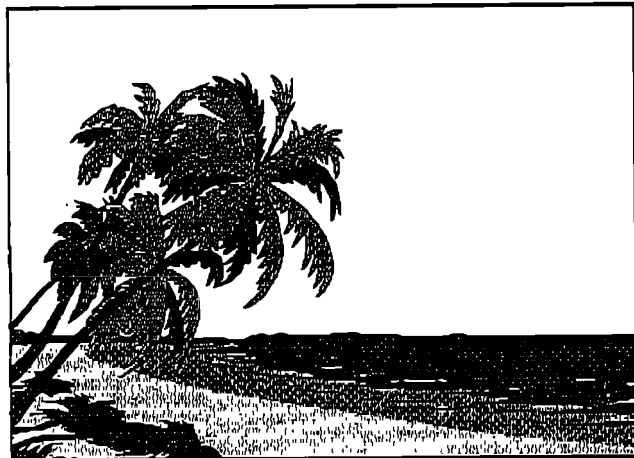
- ✓ FEMA officials will continue to work closely with the officials of the U.S. Virgin Islands to develop the justification for forgiving those portions of the loans which can be forgiven under FEMA's current authority.
- ✓ For those portions or loans which cannot be forgiven by FEMA, the Administration should initiate a review of the justification for total forgiveness and its implications with respect to Puerto Rico and States which may also have substantial claims.
- ✓ The Federal Government could examine the policies to allow further reducing percentages of matching requirements and similar program changes.

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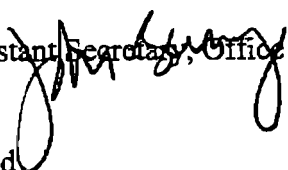
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Memorandum

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From: John Berry, Co-Chair IGIA and Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior 

Cc: Jeffrey L. Farrow, Co-Chair IGIA and Co-Chair, The President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2000

Re: Request for Information

Thank you for attending or being represented at the initial meeting of the IGIA January 18. Jeff and I look forward to continuing the momentum begun that afternoon in implementing the President's commitment to improve Federal policy concerning the territorial jurisdictions of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

At our first meeting, I laid out two goals. First, to assist these insular areas in achieving *Sustainable Economic Growth Consistent with the Sound Management of Natural Resources* and second, to *Improve General Welfare Consistent with U.S.* indicators such as infant mortality and educational attainment. The areas face tremendous economic challenges and social indicators that fall far below U.S. levels.

In order to realize these goals, I suggested we assist the areas by providing them with comprehensive information regarding Federal resources available to them. At the meeting, we requested that each agency submit a comprehensive list of its programs, noting the programs' applicability to the areas. Attached is the questionnaire I said I would send. I request that you provide the requested information by COB, **February 18**.

I realize this is an ambitious schedule and recognize the constraints on your time. I am grateful and appreciative of your efforts to help us meet this deadline and continue the momentum on this Presidential initiative.

Attached is the questionnaire, sign-in sheet of attendees at the January 18 meeting and an updated members list of the IGIA. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Danny Aranza, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, 208-6818 or 208-4736.

FEDERAL INSULAR PROGRAMS QUESTIONNAIRE

Due Date: COB Friday, February 18, 2000

Please provide answers to the following questions in order. Please submit your answers as a Wordperfect or Word document on a diskette in addition to paper copy.

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4. Phone/Fax:
5. Agency Name:
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9. **Regulatory Programs:** Please list all regulatory programs in your agencies that are applicable in the insular areas of **American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands**. Describe in a couple sentences the purpose of the programs.
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 - a. Please identify any assistance programs in question 11, currently administered in your agencies which are not currently being utilized by the U.S. insular areas and which would be beneficial to them..
 - b. Can the insular areas be made eligible for the programs listed under question 11 by anything other than new legislation? If so, what? If they are eligible, what are the reasons for their non-participation?
 - c. How do you inform the insular areas about your agency programs?
 - d. If you could have a program(s) targeted to the insular areas to achieve the goals of a sustainable economy and improving general welfare, what would it be?

INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INSULAR AREAS
SIGN-IN SHEET
January 18, 2000

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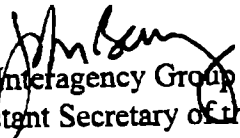
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 11, 2000

Memorandum for Chiefs of Staff of Departments, Agencies, and EOP Offices

From: John Berry 
Co-Chair, Interagency Group on Insular Areas and
Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Budget, and
Administration

Jeffrey Farrow 
Co-Chair, Interagency Group on Insular Areas and
Co-Chair, The President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico

Subject: Interagency Group on Insular Areas Meeting January 18

We have scheduled the initial meeting of the interagency group established by the President to help develop and implement policy concerning the territorial jurisdictions of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands for 2 PM, Tuesday, January 18 in the Roosevelt Room of the West Wing of the White House. White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Mickey Ibarra will also attend this meeting.

If you have not already communicated the name of your representative(s), we would appreciate your ensuring the designation this week of the senior official(s) who will represent your department, agency, or office on the Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA). Stephen Sander of the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs is compiling this list. He will also need the birth date and Social Security number of attendees of the January 18 meeting. Steve can be reached at telephone number 208-4754, telefax number 219-1989, or via e-mail "Stephen_Sander@os.doi.gov".

For your ready reference, the following pages are the memoranda that the President, Secretary Babbitt, and Mickey sent the head of your department, agency, or office regarding the IGIA.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior



Mickey Ibarra
Assistant to the President and White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs



SUBJECT: Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA)

As you may recall, the President recently sent you the attached August 9, 1999, memorandum regarding his decision to establish a formal Interagency Group to coordinate and give guidance on policy concerning American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands.

Pursuant to his directive, we -

1. have selected John Berry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget, and Jeffrey Farrow, Co-Chair of the President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico, respectively, to serve as the initial Co-Chairs of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas; and
2. request that you designate a senior official to serve on the IGIA.

Please provide the name and the title of your designee to John and Jeff through the Interior Department Office of Insular Affairs, telephone number (202) 208-4736 or telefax number (202) 219-1989. John and Jeff will call an initial meeting of the IGIA in the near future.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Interagency Group on Insular Areas

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3. The IGIA shall consult with the Governors, Delegates to the U.S. House of Representatives, other elected representatives of the insular areas, and other Members of Congress as appropriate, on issues of concern. In this regard, the Co-Chairs shall schedule a meeting at least annually in Washington, D.C., with insular officials and shall schedule other meetings in response to requests of the officials.
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5. The Secretary shall periodically, but no less than annually, report to the President through the Director on the progress made in addressing insular area issues.
6. The Secretary shall provide administrative support for the IGIA.

William J. Clinton

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THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INSULAR AREAS

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 18, 2000 2-3:30 PM

Roosevelt Room, White House West Wing

- I. Call to order - Jeff Farrow, Co-Chair and Co-Chair, The Presidents Interagency Group on Puerto Rico
- II. Remarks - Mickey Ibarra, Assistant to the President and White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
- III. Introductory Remarks – Jeff Farrow and John Berry, Co-Chair and Assistant Secretary, Policy, Budget, and Management, Department of Interior
- IV. Background on the Areas - Danny Aranza, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of Interior
- V. Role of the Department of Interior, economic and financial challenges in the areas, and proposal for economic development in the insular areas, and Interior requests – John Berry
- VI. Discussion of Interior proposal
- VII. Briefing on the Administration's Asian-Pacific Islands Americans Initiative – Laura Efurd, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of White House Office of Public Liaison
- VIII. Other Issues
- IX. Closing

Tues 1/18: TBA

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Richard Miller

January 5, 2000

To: Chief of Staff, *Paul Weinstein* *for 956-7020*

From: Richard Miller, Economic Advisor
Office of Insular Affairs
Department of the Interior

Re: Interagency Group on Insular Affairs

I attach two memos from the White House regarding the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.

We are planning to have a meeting of the IGIA in the near future, possibly next Tuesday, Jan 11. I would greatly appreciate having the name and phone number of your designee to attend this meeting. Please call or fax me as soon as possible. My phone number is 202 208-3556, fax 202 208-3390.

Many Thanks,



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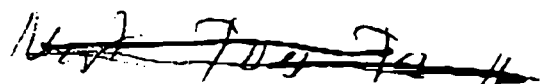
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