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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

July 20, 1949

~~Mr. Howard~~
Mr. Gross:

The attached memorandum prepared by Mr. Fisher is a good collection and summary of the background on the Chiang-Quirino Pacific Union proposal, most of which we have already discussed at staff meetings. The only important developments since the date of the memorandum are the two statements I referred to this morning--a portion of a radio address by Quirino which indicates that he is backtracking away from a military union toward an economic and cultural union, and a statement by the Chinese Nationalist Government indicating they are thinking more in terms of a union with military aspects.

The "Suggestions" beginning on page 8 of the memorandum are particularly interesting.

Mr. Claxton
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