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of two more Republican Senators. A similar situation with respect to Guam is not likely to arise. The population of Alaska at statehood was approximately one quarter million and that figure will have to be approached before Congress will seriously consider statehood for Guam or for any greater Guam-Marianas territory.

3. Independence.

Independence would give the people of Guam the right to establish their own form of government any way they chose. This could mean complete freedom under an ideal democratic system as freely chosen by the people themselves. It could also mean corrupt and inefficient administration, followed by economic chaos and then military dictatorship where all political rights are lost. This latter has been the sad pattern for all too many countries becoming independent since the Second World War. Since Guam now has a solid history in political democracy, this pattern would probably not be followed but since we would be entirely on our own, in the event one of our own people arose to oppress us, we would have nowhere to go to obtain justice or redress. As a state of the union or as a territory or commonwealth with an Organic Act passed by Congress, this type of tyranny is impossible because of the untrammelled right of a minority to obtain relief from the courts and from the Federal government if political or civic rights are being denied. The idea of independence is in many ways thrilling since it would give us the right to form our own ideal government, it is also frightening since the government we might end up with could well be a paradise for a few and nightmare for the many. Independence would probably be less of an economic disaster than statehood since we would have to pay no Federal taxes and could maintain our present independent tax structure. In addition, although we would lose much Federal money in the form of grants and the like, we could probably obtain much more Federal monies in their place by leasing the military bases here at a rental commensurate with their value to the United States. To conclude, it would appear that independence would be probably more feasible economically than statehood, but represents much less guarantee of political freedom.

4. Affiliation with another nation.

The outcome of affiliation would depend entirely upon the nation we joined. If we became a prefecture of Japan, we would then presumably, enjoy the same rights and privileges of Japanese citizens in other prefectures. These privileges are considerable since modern Japan is a parliamentary democracy with a model constitution. We would presumably pay some form of Japanese taxes and our own affairs