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Memorandum

To: Captain G. Schuller, OSD/ISA  
From: Captain William J. Crowe, OSN  
Subject: Acquisition of Tinian

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1. Some serious questions have arisen regarding problems presented by DOD designs on Tinian. I believe those questions should be considered very carefully in devising plans for the future utilization of Tinian.

- a. Would the purchase of Tinian before termination of the Trust be a violation of the letter or spirit of article 6(2) of the Trusteeship Agreement?
- b. Will DOD fund all relocation costs e.g. (housing, clearing of land for agricultural purposes, etc.) of people on Tinian who are resettled? Will they be allowed to remain on Tinian if they so desire?
- c. Is it possible to lease public land on Tinian before the termination of the trust and assure that the payments accrue to the Marianas District or must the money go to the TTPI Government for the benefit of all Micronesia? What would be the role of the Congress of Micronesia in either process?
- d. If the U.S. conducted land negotiations in the Marianas before the termination of the trust what legally constituted authority would represent the Marianas? Granting there is such an authority would it be able to obtain title to the TTPI public lands in the Marianas?

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