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MEMORANDUM

From: James M. Wilson, Jr.
To: Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia and Pacific
Affairs, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense
for International Security Affairs
Subj: Marianas Position Paper
Re: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Territorial
Affairs memorandum of 27 October 1972, Subj: Marianas
Options Paper

1. It now looks as if the formal negotiations with the Marianas Political Status Committee will open sometime in early December, possibly as early as the 6th.
2. Ambassador Williams has studied the referenced paper and concluded that the U.S. Delegation should develop a detailed Commonwealth proposal tailored to the Marianas. I have asked the Department of Interior to undertake this task.
3. To bolster Interior's effort it is requested that your office develop a detailed scenario for negotiating U.S. military land requirements in the Marianas. This proposal should address not only the extent of U.S. land requirements and alternative proposals, but also the tactics, timing, financial aspects, and public relations problems associated with the effort to obtain our strategic requirements.
4. This proposal should be submitted by 27 November.

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