

Marianas Political Status Negotiations
First Round of Negotiations
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Questions addressed to the United States Delegation by the Marianas Commission.

1. Ambassador Williams we respectfully request that we refer you to our opening statement at the plenary session for the many questions involved therein and we ask that those questions be reviewed by your delegation and advise our Commission of your responses at your earliest convenience.
2. a. Has the U.S. Delegation or any member made contact with members of U.S. Congress or staff regarding these separate status talks?
b. If so, what were the reactions to such talks?
c. What special problems, if any, do members of the U.S. Delegation anticipate in Congress with respect to a separate status for the Marianas?
3. Will the U.S. Delegation join our Commission in requesting the High Commissioner to not lease any public lands without first consulting our Commission?
4. Does the U.S. Delegation have available any comprehensive list of Federal Programs and services which could be made available to the Marianas?
5. If the Commission decided on a non-citizen association for the people, will this affect any of the above programs and also what differences would this create in the "full package of right" for U.S. citizens?

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6. Would we have to take a certain Federal Programs if the people did not want it?
7. Are the materials in the possessions of the U.S. Delegation relevant to Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Hawaii and Alaska available to our Commission?
8. Would this include background material regarding the negotiations leading up to the final decisions fixing the political status of these areas?
9. Will the U.S. Delegation made available to the Commission any studies regarding the economic resources and needs of the Marianas? Can a list of these studies be prepared?
10. With respect to the U.S. land needs in the Marianas, how can the Commission satisfy itself that only the Federal Government's "minimal needs" are involved?
11. Can we have the benefit of any legal analysis conducted by the U.S. Delegation regarding the land abenation issue?
12. Your speech mentioned a series of studies - does this mean a study of each island or is the series refer to functions and not islands?
13. When will these studies be available? As to the ones completed now, could they be given to our Commission now for its use?
14. What is meant by the words in your speech "Public Trust Land"? Does it cover both Public land and Military Retention Land?
15. Is the United States willing upon the establishment of our new association to have all Public and Military Retained land turned over to this new government body and then negotiate with this new governmental body for the land needs for the Military and other

Federal Agencies or are these land needs required to be
of the agreement for the new governmental association

16. Assuming long lease ideology instead of total alienation
will the Military also use long term leases for its use
17. Can the principle of escheat generally applicable to states
to the Marianas as to their entity even though it is not
18. Can a formula be worked out where funds could be made available
taking into consideration needs versus resources so that
local budgetary needs do not need to be justified through
Bureau of the Budget and U.S. Congress?

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