

AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THE WORKING SESSION OF THE FIRST MARIANAS STATUS TALKS HELD AT THE ROYAL TAGA HOTEL, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, DECEMBER 14, 1972

1. The Members of the Marianas Status Commission that approve the final product that is reached at these negotiations will support the entire final product through the District Legislature and later before the people.
2. The U. S. Delegation will support the final product reached at these negotiations before the Executive Branch of the United States Government and will support and act as advocate for this final product before the U. S. Congress.
3. It was agreed that the U. S. Delegation would form three corresponding committees of the Marianas Status Commission. These committees would work together in their respective areas of endeavor. Prior to the next formal session of negotiations, it was hoped that these committees would start their meetings sometime in April of 1973 with the next formal negotiation meeting hopefully taking place approximately one month later, it being understood by both parties that these dates are tentative at best due to the unknown factor of research requirements.
4. It was agreed that all future meetings would be held in the Marianas, most probably Saipan, with a possibility of one of the meetings being held in Guam.
5. It was agreed all plenary sessions would be open to the public; however, working sessions would be restricted to the delegates themselves and their advisers.
6. Joint communiques will be released to the press upon completion of each formal negotiating session. Both parties agreed that there would be no release of the verbatim transcript of the working sessions until agreed upon by both the Ambassador of the U. S. Delegation and the Chairman of the Marianas Status Commission.
7. Lastly, it was agreed that the two proposed joint sub-committees, transitional action and public information, should be placed on the agenda of the next formal negotiations to ascertain whether or not these committees are feasible and that in the interim the U. S. Delegation would make the specifics of these two committees available to the Marianas Status Commission for its review.