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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR LAWYERS JOINT WORKING GROUP

The joint working group of lawyers referred to in the joint communique shall, during the coming recess in the status negotiations, jointly study the following matters:

1. Whether and how application in the Marianas of a variety of federal laws should be circumscribed by a future formal status agreement;

2. The status which should be accorded those residents of the Marianas who might not wish to become American citizens. This study shall include the precise form in which the option to become United States citizens should be presented to residents of the Marianas;

3. Alternative methods of implementing the parties' preliminary agreement that fundamental provisions of the future formal status agreement would be subject to modification only by mutual consent.

This joint working group shall report to both delegations on the progress of their deliberations prior to the next session of these negotiations.