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List of Issues Regarding the U. S. Request for Military Needs on Tinian

In anticipation of further presentations by the United States regarding its military needs in the Marianas, the Commission needs to identify those major areas in which it intends to raise questions with the U. S. Delegation on this subject and begin to develop its position. This memorandum is intended to assist the Commission's discussion of this subject and the preparation of an official response to the U. S. proposal.

✓ 1. Form of Acquisition of Land. The United States has indicated that it desires to purchase the land it wants for military purposes on Tinian, but has suggested that it might be ready to lease instead on a long-term basis. The Commission should take the position that it will not agree to the sale of the land, but would be prepared to negotiate seriously about a long-term lease. With respect to the number of years, the Commission might consider starting at 35 to 40 years but be prepared to go as high as 50 to 55 years.

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✓ 2. Extent of Acquisition. This is the most difficult question. As stated in our Position Paper on Political Status, the Commission takes the position that the land used for military purposes should be kept to the absolute minimum necessary. We should try our best to limit the request made by the United States, but recognize that it is very difficult to second-guess the military regarding its own requirements--especially when the land requested is based, not on current needs, but the United States' estimates of its possible military needs in this part of the world over the next 40 to 50 years.

✓ 3. Civilian or Military Control. Whereas the United States has requested complete military control over the entire island, the Commission should take the position that the civilian authorities should control that portion of Tinian which is not leased to the military. We should be prepared to recognize that the military and the civilian authorities will necessarily have to consult on a variety of matters, but the principle of civilian control should be firmly insisted upon.

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✓ 4. Limitation of Tinian to New Residents. The Commission will have to take a position on the United States' request that, basically, no new permanent residents be allowed on Tinian. If the principle of civilian control is insisted upon, then this is a matter for the Tinian community (or the Marianas Legislature) to deal with. The Commission should probably recognize a legitimate military concern here but stress the fact that the Marianas are not the Marshalls and that this matter can be considered in due course.

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✓ 5. Access to Military Utilities on Infrastructure. The United States indicated some willingness to work things out in this area. Their preference seems to be to provide what the Tinian residents require rather than sharing what the military builds for itself. This should be explored on an item-by-item basis, e.g., port, telephone, water, electricity, schools, etc.

OW-MIL committee

Want time to explore possibility of having a civilian power authority to provide power to military

No problem of joint civilian military committee - but discuss power want need - addressing, info. and military control & jurisdiction. Do not

Strong preference for separate facilities, but may not be economically feasible. Do not want to be dependent on military. Military involvement in our planning. Keep them informed, etc. as to know of our anticipated needs.

2) ^{a)} Parish de Maderville : Not prepared to agree at the time. Commission want to explore ~~some~~ cost savings to U.S., want alternative uses of this island, and want more information about safety precautions contemplated by U.S. Prefer a more written plan. Prepared to do anything ~~economic~~.

b) Saipon Requests : again less rather than more.

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1) Harbor : Very concerned. Only industrial area on island. Only place for constructing a new dock for large ships. Cannot build with a chain dock. Need to know more about U.S. continuing needs + proposed uses. Could agree to average development consistent with U.S. needs. Self returned.

2) Isle : Willing to explore joint use with U.S. if not out of hand. Will want to explore payment for the joint use. Emphasis principal of American control. Only lease to U.S. rather than sale. Requested for 500 acres a too much + want further indication from U.S. as to why this much is required. What is the future. Want to inquire whether some other meeting land is ~~also~~ nearly as adequate. Emphasize importance of Saipon land + economic development.

ST. Martin Requests :

Commission question that lease only the land which U.S. military needs: the remainder would be owned by civilians. Want ^{to see} further to see underlying charts or analysis re airport in ^{air} traffic patterns and construction of other airfield locations (e.g. North field). Need to study alignment of runway land (7,000 acres) for population in the future, in light of military development. Need time to study + raise questions. Like to see preliminary environmental study. Limitations on harbor use during landing a - matter of reserve concern.

Expectant should be a fair and just price - Cannot just look at Tinian alone, have to think of land transition through Marianas. Depend on future growth, relation between rest of developed land and underdeveloped land, etc.

6. Price of Land. In this connection the Commission ought to explore the procedures by which the price of the land is to be determined. The United States states that the standard procedures will be followed, and the Commission should explore exactly what is meant by this and whether these procedures will yield rent (or purchase) payment which will be generally accepted by the residents of Tinian. The Commission also should explore the Guam experience and study alternative procedures which might be used to value the land desired by the military. The Commission might well desire that some general dollar value for land on Tinian should be ascertained before this proposal settlement is even discussed with residents of Tinian.

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Want to have mechanism whereby payment made to Tinian as can be seen in article 6, Title 51

7. Resettlement of Tinian Residents. In this area the Commission will want to explore in detail the options which will be available to the residents of Tinian whose lands are to be used by the military. As a general proposition, the residents of Tinian should be guaranteed a wide variety of attractive options.

In an area where we need to know more of people's reaction to where we are, what they want, what kind of housing.

Expanding need to give them jobs to work on Tinian. Must have program to help them transition to Tinian.

8. Employment and Training Opportunities. The Commission will want to analyse the types of jobs which will be created by the military on Tinian and what kinds of training programs would be desired by the residents of Tinian. The Commission should discuss whether these opportunities should be available also to residents of Saipan and whether we should request the United States to make a commitment to provide employment training over a long term in the Marianas.

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9. Purchase of Supplies from Local Concerns. The United States indicates that it will follow its customary purchasing procedures which provide for some preference for local supplies. The Commission may want to consider requesting the United States to make more specific and definite commitments in this area.

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10. Relationship between Military Needs on Tinian and Saipan. The Commission should explore the requests made by the U. S. for land on Saipan in light of its requests for land on Tinian. We should inquire whether the purposes for which land is sought on Saipan could be met as well by using land on Tinian. Particularly with respect to land sought for contingency purposes only, the Commission should press hard to encourage the military to reassess its need for land on Saipan.

Start in above with paper mentioned in Title 51. Want immediate commitment from the U.S. that we can evaluate these references or appropriate for the paper page 4. Use of same subject to them page 3.

beginning of visit to coordinate planning of mission plan. Need to see how we can to see emergency money. Reorganization committee. operations, etc. social. land bank. Use of same subject to them page 3.

11. Visit by U.S. and/or Commission to Tinian

12. Timing of military plans, especially Phase I -

OK to start operations, but not phase I until an agreement is finally approved.

13. Relationship of military activities to implementation of political status and economic support (es. Phase I)

14. Use of commitment diagrams in the future

15. Provision for protection against premature reduction or elimination of military requirements, i.e. lease payments, land transfer, development payments on termination.

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Concerned about contracting out of construction which will
include materials. This may mean that materials will get
orders. Exactly what kind of articles is required; what
kind of specifications will be imposed. What assurance can be
provided in advance on this subject? Want to review
relevant provisions of U.S. law. Want more specific & definite
commitment from U.S., especially w/ respect to material contents, as
those which are not subject to competitive bidding. Requested treatment
under U.S. law.