

STORM OVER TINIAN

Island's Plea: People Should Know

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Talks Go On--'No Comment'

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SAIPAN – The official word from the U.S. delegation to the Marianas status talks on a proposed military takeover of Tinian Island is “no comment” – the same phrase they use when asked about what transpired in the closed sessions of the talks held here yesterday on the future of these islands north of Guam.

The revelation of a report suggesting the Navy and Air Force take over all of Tinian – or as an alternative move the residents of San Jose, the lone village, to the opposite end of the island – is known by Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, President Nixon's personal representative, a State Department spokesman said yesterday.

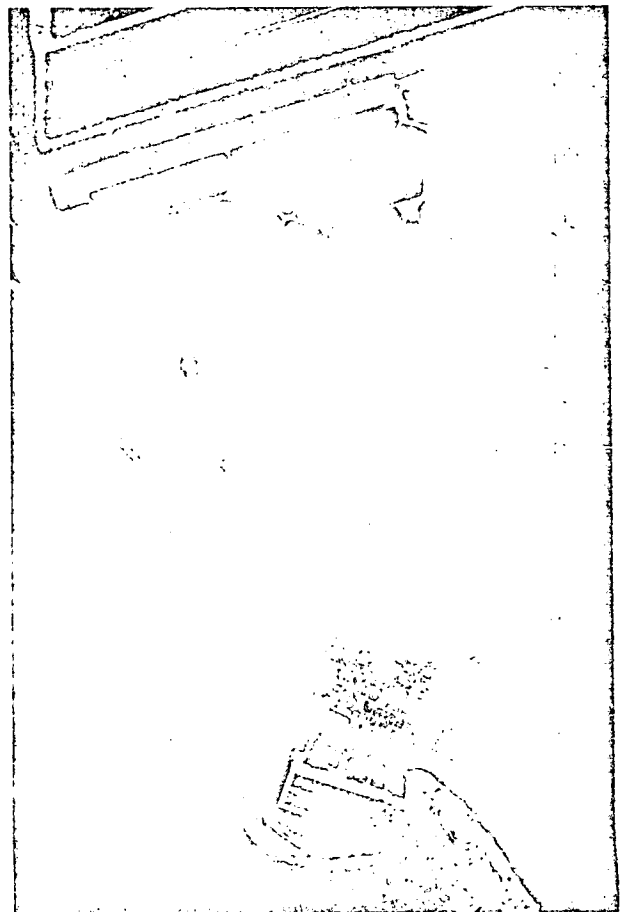
But he added that Williams is still sick from an ailment that struck Tuesday – and therefore has “no comment.”

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Letter From Gachong

Dear Mr. Editor:
With \$7 million due in back bills, Guam Memorial Hospital obviously needs more surgeons-qualified to amputate wallets from hips.

Gachong



AIR VFW of Tinian shows village of San Jose at bottom and West Field – where military reportedly plans big buildup – above. Marpo, where it is proposed to move San Jose village, is to right of picture.