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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: Status Talks - Marianas Islands, TTPI

- Ref: (a) JCS Memo for Vice Admiral Walter D. Gaddis; Asst. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics, Ser: 05M 722-73 dtd 28 Apr 1973 (C)
- (b) CNO Memo for Lt. General Louis T. Seith, Director, Plans and Policy Directorate, Dept of the Air Force. OP-04A/rjh Ser 04/119 dtd 7 May 1973
- (c) ASD(I&L) Memo for Acting ASD(ISA) dtd 21 Aug 1972
- (d) ASD(ISA) ltr to Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations, Dept of Interior, Ser I-12275/72 dtd 8 Nov 1972

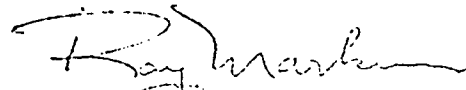
1. The request of reference (a) resulted in much confusion. It appears that OSD(I&L) and OSD(ISA) should determine who shall be the DOD representative for land and real estate matters in the subject project. References (c) and (d) were intended to provide reliable competent staff support to the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations from the beginning to the execution phases. The JCS Memo (reference (a)), indicates to me a definite misunderstanding by that office of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command role. Needless to say, JCS participation in these negotiations is unusual. The additional requirement for "expert" advice from NAVFAC and Air Force to support the JCS representative further indicates a duplication of effort and the lack of competence.

2. Reference (a) was received with follow-up phone calls stressing the urgency for the expert being available and on Guam by 11 May 1973. With much difficulty, I arrived on Guam on 11 May where I sat and waited for 4 days without being invited to a single meeting or asked for any advice. On Sunday, 13 May, I was advised that it was all right to go to Saipan but this was changed by a phone call on Tuesday morning after I had checked out of my hotel and made airline reservations. At 0130, Wednesday morning, I was awakened with a request from Colonel Kenty, through Colonel McCarthy, that it was most important for me to be on the 0600 plane to Saipan.

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3. I arrived in Saipan at 0630 where Colonel Kenty advised us that we were not needed until at least the afternoon and denied that he instructed Colonel McCarthy to be on the 0600 plane. He also stated that "the Ambassador" insisted that I conduct no other business on Saipan but this erroneous advice was corrected by Captain Crowe upon our arrival at the hotel. On Saipan, as on Guam, I was invited to no meetings and the only work performed for the Status Group was to review Colonel McCarthy's briefing. I departed Saipan on 18 May after 3 days of waiting for nothing.

4. The manner in which my travel was directed, the inconsiderate and discourteous treatment regarding the direction to proceed to Saipan from Guam, and the isolation from the meetings of the Status Group were unnecessarily demeaning. The land issues are an important and sensitive facet of the subject project and the Status Negotiations Office needs sound and competent advice. The present procedures do not provide for this necessary service.



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