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# Saipan Talks Recess; Basic Plan Is Said Set; Would Limit Land Sale

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SAIPAN — The United

States and representatives

of the Mariana Islands

ended three weeks of

negotiations here yesterday

with preliminary

agreements that could pave

the way toward making the

Marianas a commonwealth

of the U.S.

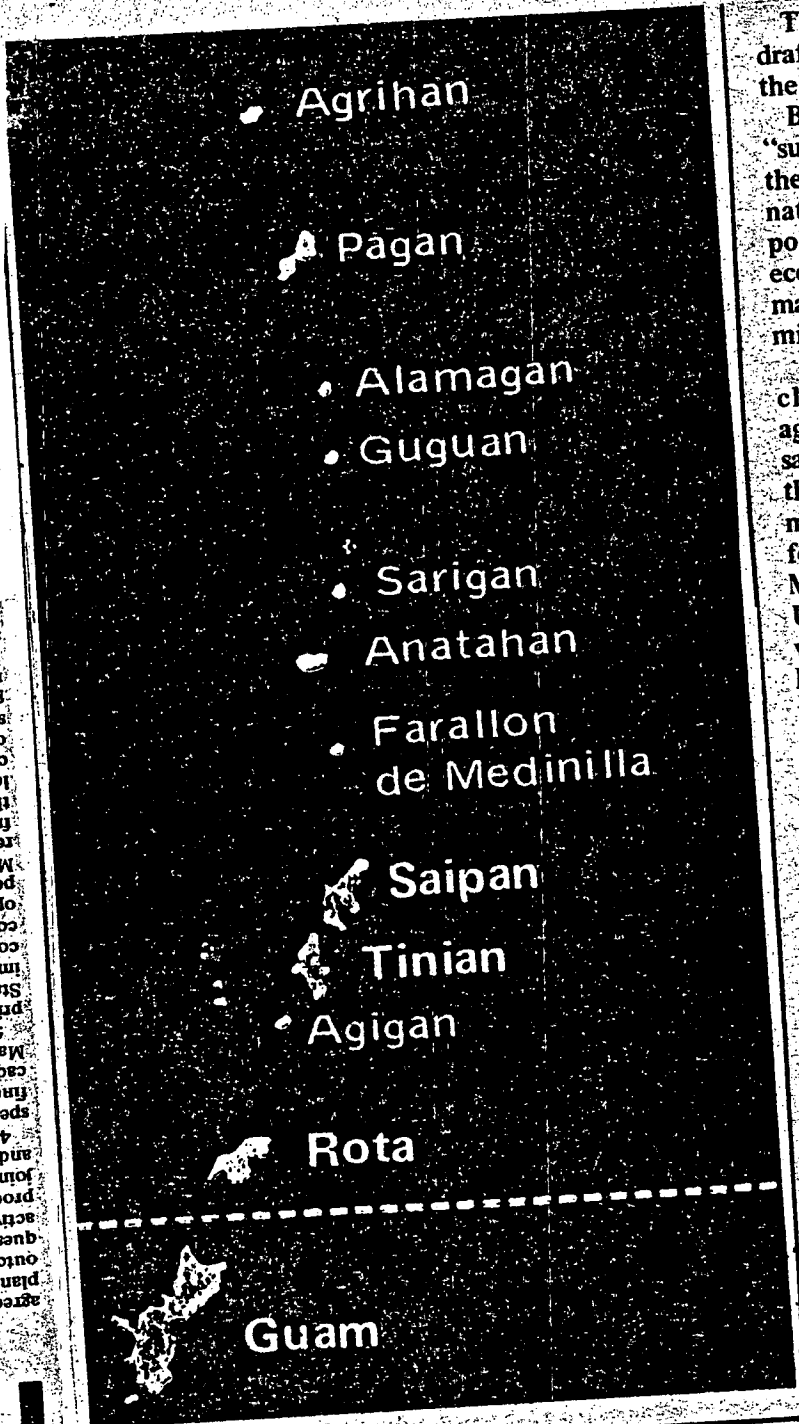
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There was no attempt to draft precise language for the agreements.

But both sides spoke of "substantial progress" in the broad areas of the nature of the future political relationship, U.S. economic aid, and land matters, including U.S. military land requirements.

Among the striking clauses in the basic agreements was one that said both sides agreed under the new relationship land might not be made available for sale to persons not of Marianas ancestry. The United States agreed to work with the Marianas Political Status Commission to establish an effective means for preventing land in the Marianas from being alienated to persons not of Marianas ancestry," a joint communique issued yesterday said.

The communique was signed by Franklin Haydn Williams, the American representative to the status talks, and Edward DLG. Pangelinan, chairman of the Marianas group.

It was announced that Williams will travel to Guam on Wednesday and hold a press conference there on the subject of the talks and their progress.

"Talks will continue at the technical level" on a (Continued on page 16)

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