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The United States said military needs were "extensive," but that most of its requirements will concentrate on Tinian, three miles across the channel from Saipan.

Major points already agreed upon included:

- The United States will exercise sovereignty over the Marianas.

- A locally drafted and approved constitution will cover Marianas control over local affairs.

- The Marianas can seek membership in regional or international organizations dealing with economic, cultural or similar interests.

- Marianas representation in the U.S. Congress will be explored.

- Marianas residents may become U.S. citizens. No decision was reached on the status of persons who might reject U.S. citizenship.

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## Senate Told By Mayors: Restore Funds

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Mayors of several of the nation's largest cities pleaded with a Senate Appropriations subcommittee yesterday to restore at least some of the funds cut off by President Nixon for urban renewal and other programs in the next year.

Mayor Moon Landreu of New Orleans, a principal spokesman for the group, asked the subcommittee to grant \$700 million for community development programs in fiscal 1974 beginning July 1.

He conceded this is far less than voted for the current year and far below needs, but he said any higher figure would only invite a veto or impoundment by Nixon.

Landreu said the President had virtually eliminated funds for urban programs in his 1974 budget, apparently because his office of Management and Budget decided they had failed.

But mayors do not agree that urban renewal, housing rehabilitation loans, model cities, and water and sewer grants have failed, Landreu declared.

Instead, he said, mayors have found them indispensable tools in trying to remove blight and house the poor.

Mayor Joseph L. Alioto of San Francisco said that urban renewal has generated billions both in wages for construction workers and in new city taxes on redevelopment projects.

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