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Memorandum

To: Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner, Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands

From: U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations

Subject: Master Planning

Before his departure this week Ambassador Williams asked me to reply briefly to your memorandum to him of June 19, 1973, on the above subject.

With reference to the point made in your first paragraph regarding the substantiation of concerns raised by the June 4 briefing in Saipan, I enclose a memorandum prepared by Colonel Kenty, one of the briefers. I understand you have been in touch since your return with Mary Trent, who also attended the briefing.

With regard to Palau we have just been advised by CINCPAC Staff that they have now been in touch with Hawaiian Architects and Engineers, who are preparing the master plan, to determine any possible conflicts. Between them they have managed to iron out such minor difficulties as appeared. I believe, however, we must continue to coordinate our efforts in this regard in the future.


J.M. Wilson, Jr.

Enclosure

cc: Director, Office of Territorial
Affairs
Ambassador Williams
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28 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS

Subject: DOD Land Requirements Briefing to the TTPI
Government Staff: 4 June 1973

1. On the morning of 4 June 1973, Colonel McCarthy and I briefed members of the TTPI government staff on US military land requirements in the Marianas District and Tinian Base Development Plans as you directed. This was the same briefing that Colonel McCarthy gave to the Marianas Political Status Commission and the people of Tinian.

2. Although the briefing was well received they appeared to be amazed at the magnitude of our requirements and the timing of our developmental plans for Tinian. In fact, during the question and answer period which followed the briefing, several of the TTPI planners were concerned that our requirements directly affected their master planning for Saipan and Tinian. They were also confused, and one gentleman from the planning staff informed us that just that morning he had received word from the HICOM through his supervisor to continue master planning for Tinian and Saipan. Col McCarthy and I advised them that the information as they had received it appeared contrary to our understanding of the policy guidance on Tinian master planning and to what you told the HICOM the previous week. We recommended that the TTPI government staff should attempt to determine the correct guidance. I also specifically advised them that in my opinion it would be unwise for them to continue spending funds for Tinian and Saipan master planning until the negotiations were complete and the US land requirements were resolved. Col McCarthy and I left the meeting with their staff members appearing to be somewhat confused as to what to do next.

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3. Immediately following the briefing, we advised Mr. Wilson of what had transpired and he in turn informed you.

4. Mr. Chamberlin hosted the meeting. Mr. Peter Coleman, Mr. Frank Ada and other appropriate staff members were present. Mary Vance Trent was also present during the entire meeting.

5. The information contained herein is verified by Col McCarthy.

WILLIAM R. KENTY
Colonel, USAF

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