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Guam & the Marianas

- I. The Basic Areas of Jealousy
 - A. Guam has no local constitution; the US Congress has structured the local government and established all relevant governmental systems. The Marianas under the Commonwealth proposal will be entitled to draft its own constitution and establish its own governmental structure free from U.S. Congressional interference.
 - B. Guam receives very little in the way of direct US grant subsidy; the Marianas will receive a rather sizeable direct grant from the USG, meaning the Marianas will not have to go it alone as have the Guamanians.
 - C. The Guamanians benefit only indirectly from the presence of US military bases, and in fact are deprived, from their point of view, of many areas which they feel should be under local control; the Marianas, particularly Tinian, will be receiving a whole new town and facilities with generous benefits to each family and business from the military presence.