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Preparations for Next Round with MPSC

- When to schedule talks
 - Not before 15 November to give time to prepare
- Status of preparations
 - Economics and Finance
 - * Mr. Sol Silver appointed as U.S. Co-chairman of working group.
 - * Draft terms of reference prepared
 - * Mr. Silver will visit Marianas for about two weeks beginning 4 September and will meet with Senator Pangelinan and others designated by him.
 - * Mr. Silver will have met with Mr. Leonard prior to visiting Saipan
 - * Anticipate joint working group will need to meet in Saipan in early October
 - Legal Working Group
 - * Mr. Brewster Chapman appointed U.S. Co-chairman
 - * Working group has met in Washington with Mr. Howard Willens
 - * Group anticipates two months to complete work in Laws covering: citizenship and nationality; laws to be made applicable to Marianas; applicability of U.S. Constitution and what are constitutional requirements; implementation of federal and local court system; other areas as mutually agreed.
 - Land
 - * AF survey team will go to Tinian in November
 - * MPSC response to establishment of an entity for the return of Public Land
 - * Military Retention Land
 - * Acceleration of Homestead Program on Saipan

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-- Where to hold talks

- Saipan first choice
 - * Lack of funds for MPSC travel
 - * Good facilities on Saipan
- Guam second choice
 - * Less convenient than Saipan for MPSC and more expensive
- Other sites (less desirable)
 - * Hawaii
 - * Washington

Recommendation

In discussing the next session with Senator Pangelinan, you should stress that it is extremely important to have the results of the working groups' efforts available to both sides before the next round. Reports from Economic/Finance and legal working groups should be available in late October. You might also express your view that it isn't possible to conduct meaningful talks if one side enters into the talks with non-negotiable positions.