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Tinian

TALKING POINTS

STATED REQUIREMENT FOR ALL OF TINIAN

From OMSN  
8/28/73

--2/3 for Military

--1/3 for Lease-back

Moratorium on Homesteading

Obvious reasons for not permitting homesteading until land settled such as:

- a. Prevent undue land speculation (to U.S. detriment).
- b. Prevent land alienation. — *through long term leases*
- c. Unfair to Tinianese to grant homesteads when land may be in military domain.
- d. If all of Tinian used by U. S., there will be no more homesteading—only lease back of those areas not required for military installations.
- e. U. S. Congressional reaction.
  - (1) Cong. SIKES inquired of OSD if any safeguards were present to prevent land speculation on Tinian, implying that without such safeguards, Congress would not go along with base development funds.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Economic/Finance Working Group**

--Sol Silver in Saipan and working with Jim Leonard in Washington

--Anticipate 2 months to complete work

--U. S. has no intention of taking any action that will inhibit the long term, healthy economic development on Tinian or elsewhere in the Marianas.

--U. S. will continue to work and consult with MPSC to ensure long term economic goals are realized.

--U. S. wants to ensure that it is the Marianas who benefit from any economic development programs.

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