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## 2 Months Till Talks For Time To Study

SAIPAN -- Subcommittees of the U.S. and Marianas sides in ongoing status talks need "approximately two months...to examine the results of...studies," and therefore the next meeting of the talks will be held "shortly after mid-November," a joint communique issued by both sides this weekend says.

The communique was issued following closed-door meetings of U.S. Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams and members of the Marianas District Legislature, the Marianas Political Status Commission, and Saipan municipal officers here Friday.

It contained no surprises from what had previously been reported.

"The subject of principal concern at the meeting was the question of permits for homesteading the foreign business establishments on Tinian in this interim period pending the completion of status negotiations," the communique said.

"Acknowledging with regret that there had not been sufficient communication and coordination with the Marianas Status Commission concerning the temporary suspension of such permits, the ambassador stated that measures would be taken to prevent such a gap in the future. He stressed the reasons for the suspension of permits in order to prevent land speculations and pre-emption of business opportunities, neither of which would be in the interest of the people of Tinian nor of the United States," the communique said.

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It added: "Pointing out that the suspension of land acquisition in areas under consideration for public use is a normal procedure, the ambassador stressed that such suspension is customarily temporary until final decisions are made and stated that in the case of land on Tinian such suspension should be thought of in terms of weeks than years as has been mistakenly assumed in some cases."

On another matter, the communique said: "Concern was also expressed in the meeting with regard to the granting of long-term leases of land in the Marianas, to non-Micronesians and the ambassador and Sen. (Edward DLG.) Pangelinan expressed agreement that this subject should be among those on which joint consideration is advisable."