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Navy May 'Destroy' Ties Here: Won Pat

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WASHINGTON--"The citizens of Guam are losing patience with the U.S. military authorities who control so much of their land and who refuse to talk about releasing it," Guam Rep. Antonio B. Won Pat said on the floor of the House Thursday.

Won Pat's speech said his constituents who work at the bases and the 4,000 Guamanians in the armed forces are "proud" of their role in helping the military, but "I regret to state that the U.S. Navy is relentlessly pursuing a course which will certainly destroy the amiable and close relations between the civilian and military communities on Guam."

Won Pat's attack came over the apparent continued refusal of the Defense Department to let him--or anybody--see a "sanitized" version of the "Project Gateway" report on future land needs on Guam.

The Democratic delegate used debate over the military construction bill which would authorize some \$9.5 million for Navy buildings on the island, as a vehicle to lash out at the DOD hesitancy.

"The study was completed by the Navy about September 1972 and promptly classified on the grounds that it contains additional material relevant to strategic matters," Won Pat said. He told of writing on March 26 to then-Secretary of Defense Elliott

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each deposit, the administration sends out invitations for bids with the various banks here.
San Agustin said his office determines how much cash flow is needed and estimates cash receipts. "The estimates are

conservative ones," he added. If there appears to be an excess of capital in the four-month cash flow chart, then GovGuam deposits the extra funds in time certificate deposits.
One of the reasons for such a large cash time deposit is that

Richardson asking that certain portions of the report be classified for civilian use. On May 3 Edward J. Sheridan, deputy assistant secretary of Defense, wrote to Won Pat promising him an unclassified version of the study "within the next few weeks."
"Seven months later, Mr. Speaker, the Governor of Guam and I have yet to lay eyes on this elusive study, despite repeated requests," said Won Pat.
Guam's citizens, grateful to the U.S., "did not question the massive land grab by the military" in 1944, Won Pat said, and since that time the military has held more than one-third of the territory. "Almost 30 years later, however, the patience of the citizens of Guam is running out," Won Pat declared.
A few days ago Won Pat said he talked with a Navy acquaintance, Rear Adm. Charles D. Grojean, about the "Project Gateway" report. Grojean, Director of the Navy's Political-Military Policy Division, told him there was nothing of interest to Guam in the report. Subsequent checks produced a response Thursday from the Pentagon that the report is in Deputy Secretary of Defense William P. Clement's office awaiting approval.

Adm. George S. Morrison, commander of the Naval Forces of the Marianas, was asked here for comment yesterday on Antonio B. Won Pat's charges about Guam-Navy relations and whether they are deteriorating.
Through a spokesman, Morrison said:
"I am not pessimistic about the relationship between the military and civilian segments of the Guam community. Every day I see evidence that we are living together in an open and friendly relationship. As for land, I believe the most significant issue is the land-exchange agreement now pending in the Legislature. Early resolution of this issue would be a most significant step."

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