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'Sorry' Says DOD

# Project Gateway Officially Dead

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WASHINGTON—The Pentagon notified Rep. Antonio B. Won Pat on Friday that the "Project Gateway" report on the military's land requirements in Guam is "no longer relevant" and will not be released.

"I trust you will understand our positions on this issue and please accept my apologies for any difficulties which it may have caused the government of Guam," William P. Clements, Deputy Secretary of Defense, told Won Pat in a letter.

Clements acknowledged the Defense Department's May 10 letter that told Won Pat the Pentagon was attempting to get him a de-classified version of the report. "Recent developments have shed a new light on the matter," Clements said, and the dept. is conducting "a review of its total basing posture. This review should be completed early next year."

The "developments" include "disengagement from southeast asia, force reductions, increasing economic constraints, progress in Marianas political status negotiations and talks with our Asian allies," Clements said.

Won Pat,

"Therefore, the Project Gateway report is no longer relevant, and I must reverse our earlier position on release of all of part of the report."

Won Pat, who had been awaiting for his sanitized version of the land report, took to the floor of the house in frustration last month and criticized the military for failing to give it to him. Won Pat said then that his constituents were losing patience with the military in spite of their patriotic feelings.

He responded to Clements' letter with a request for a de-classified version of the new review when it is ready.