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While the public lands in the Marianas are also included in the policy statement, disposition of certain lands in the Marianas now currently under negotiation between the US delegation and the MPSC will be decided in the course of the negotiations.

As far as concerns U.S. requirements in Palau under the terms of proposed future status agreements, title will be passed to the new titleholders when they have formally committed themselves to accommodate those requirements on terms to be mutually agreed with the U.S.

OMSN:

I telephoned PDN to protest error in interpretation as given in paras. 3 and 4 of attached article. I talked with both Lupe Borja and City Editor Bob Thompson along lines of above paras. In line with telcon on this subject with Capt. Scott I pressed for publication by PDN of full text of land policy statement. Thompson protested that newsprint was in short supply and statement is long. (Most of PDN coverage several pages - today went to story and photos of bizarre murder case on Guam.) He said will try for Fri. On Sal. 1880.