From Ofe Sec DOD

THIRD ROUND

12 December 1973 Informal Session

(AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS READ TALKER)

Questions by MPSC

Tenorio -

- effects of weapons?

Pangelinan -

National Enviroment Agency requires certain procedures. Has an environmental impact statement been filed or is one required?

Ambassador Williams -

An Environmental Impact Statement will be filed.

Pangelinan -

flight pattern Guam to Farallonde Medinilla around midnight?

Ambassador Williams -

No. Pan Am to Tokyo

J. Cruz -

Please clarify - opening lands for agricultural homesteading in southern one-third?

Ambassador Williams -

Yes, also certain types Ag in northern 2/3. We have some flexibility. Mainly to accomodate current homesteaders desires for land (title)

Pangelinan -

Please concentrate on Farallon bombs sometimes hit elsewhere

Dr. Pagacios -

its tradition and our philosophy to hold on to land (very important). U.S. is continent very large - our islands are small. Our future generations will look back at us (MPSC) in anger - why did you sell our land?

We understand

B. Manglona -

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We don't want to give our land away forever I reinforce Dr. Palacios statement

H. Guererro -

Will our people be notified and how large an area will be cleared to avoid harm to people.

Ambassador Williams -

Standard procedures followed as elsewhere throughout world.

B. Camacho -

how can we avoid contaminating /destroying surrounding area.

Ambassador Williams -

Very controlled: No CW or BW. Same protection as U.S. citizens. Very strict restrictions.

D. Munos -

Statement as private individual: oppose

Manglona -

does U.S. wish to lease Tinian

Ambassador Williams -

Now lease until Trusteeship over - then purchase

Manglona -

Why does U.S. want to lease all of it and then sell or lease back '1/3 to civilians

Ambassador Williams -

Experience of DOD shows better for security, safety, improper commercial enterprises

Ben Manglona -

is there another place to offload ammo on Tinian outside the present harbor?

Tenorio -

how are you proposing to lease/buy Farallon: at what cost? Ambassador Williams -

A. lease and then buy at fair market value Tenorio -

Don't know of any value except to military

Ambassador Williams -

ready to negotiate for island at a fair price.

QUESTIONS ON SAIPAN

P. Tenorio -

Any restrictions on development on returned land

Ambassador Williams -

No

Pangelinan, for past 75 years military retention land has restricted economic development

Ambassador Williams -

Charlie dock there, free and available and others have built things in there. May get assistance technical, etc.from U.S. Navy.

Mr. Pangelian -

If Marianas can assure U.S. of Tanapag harbor requirement can we use it for our purposes.

P. Tenorio -

. If U.S. retains (320) land at Tanapag who would control it?

Ambassador Williams -

Civilian control

P. Tenorio - What about controlling activity in submerged waters? What is Army Corps of Eng role?

Ambassador Williams -

Don't know of any, will check

Dr. Palacios -

Would like to see what land we are talking about - Walk around on it.

Ambassador Williams -

Good idea

Dr. Palacios -

What do we mean by joint use? One pier for military, one pier for civilian

Ambassador Williams - No! common use.

If an activity at Isley, would have to be supported through the port. Work out mutually acceptable deal.

E. Pangelinan -

Maintenance and improvement of pier - who would do this?

Ambassador Williams -

You would.

ISLEY FIELD

P. Tenorio - What restrictions on 500 acres next to Isley Field A. None. Don't want it to lie idle; however, it must be convertible to DOD use or at least not obstruct DOD use in future. No immediate use in mind but 15-20 years from now, something might come up. Also a good idea to have a place to park aircraft since joint use of Isley is now permitted.

E. Pagelinan -

We all would benefit from a recess.

- BREAK -

TINIAN

Joe Cruz -

Base influence on: Immigration Economic development Visitor control

Ambassador Williams -

Not a closed area for visitors, etc. Regarding development - cooperative planning effort - encourage development Government entirely civilian from A to Z.

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Joe Cruz -

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Military subject to local laws

Ambassador Williams

Yes

Joe Cruz -

Concerns about landholders in southern 1/3 can land in Tinian be exchanged?

Ambassador Williams -

He can be paid for land. We also should look into exchange elsewhere in No.Marianas

Joe Cruz -

some are concerned about value received for Tinian lands not sufficient to buy elsewhere?

D. Munos -

Can land be exchanged for land elsewhere

Ambassador Williams -

We'll look into it.

Joe Cruz -

open southern 1/3 of Tinian to homestead now (lift moratorium)

Ambassador Williams -

(Read portion of HICOM memo on land...)

Joe Cruz -

Not fair to have moratorium should be lifted immediately. Clear 'reason for 2/3 but not 1/3.

Ambassador Williams -

Take question under consideration

Joe Cruz -

Our instructions from Tinian people: - 1/3 of island only - no less or sale - no relocation Therefore, lift moratorium in interests of public relations.

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Will take under advisement but wish to point out 83 Ag/15 village homesteads under active consideration.

Joe Cruz -

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People want to be involved in locating and construction of homes and new village.

Ambassador Williams -

They will be as we said before.

Joe Cruz -

Joint use of harbor: - any control over civilian vessels

Ambassador Williams -

None except during ammo unloading

Joe Cruz -

Why doesn't military use Goat Island

Ambassador Williams -

Undeveloped, no support

Joe Cruz -

Why not develop Goat Island for people?

Ambassador Williams -

Can it be done?

Joe Cruz -

losing 2/3 of Tinian need place to hunt and fish. Or build a pier Ambassador Williams -

Expensive.

Joe Cruz -

welcome military but want to give up only 1/3 of northern part.

B. Camacho -

advance notice of arrival of Ammo Ship?

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Plenty of notice

B. Camacho -

What about the ferry boat to Tinian?

Ambassador Williams -

People working on Tinian and living elsewhere would need a high speed ferry - commercial enterprise or public concern.

B. Camacho -

Where would ferry landings be located?

Ambassador Williams -

Don't know

B. Camacho -

If ferry landed on north of Tinian; would road be provided?

Ambassador Williams -

many roads on base would be open.

B. Camacho -

What about sewage treatment?

Ambassador Williams -

Yes, only if relocated

P. Tenorio -

Do you purchase defense land in foreign countries

Ambassador Williams -

• No, usually free - part of alliance

P. Tenorio -

Will Congress provide money for land in Marianas

Ambassador Williams -

Yes in approving the Agreement.

P. Tenorio -

What kind of ammo

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kinds

All kinds - don't confirm or deny nuclear. No. BW

P. Tenorio -

Tinian fall back from S.E. Asia - will there be any experiments continued?

Ambassador Williams -

No. This will not be an R&D facility.

P. Tenorio -

Can you provide copies of any studies on military civilian communities?

Ambassador Williams - Yes. Intend to establish civil/military community council. Minimize problems.

P. Tenorio -

Problems of long term civilian - military relationships

Ambassador W lliams -

Yes, there are some problems but a great deal of effort goes into avoiding problems.

P. Tenorio -

What are undersirable enterprises on Tinian

Ambassador Williams -

Slums and undesirable elements selling things. Both civilian and military want to prevent this.

P. Tenorio -

What access to base

Ambassador Williams -

Open as possible: small businesses, access to West Field

P. Tenorio -

Restrictions around island?

Ambassador Williams -

Maybe some at times but military won't be pushing you around. Good discipline will be maintained.

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E. Pangelinan--

Tinian meat basket of Mariana. What will happen?

Ambassador Williams -

Aware of all good Ken Jones ranch does - however understand slaughter house permit denied. But we want operation accomodated.

P. Tenorio -

Survey teams collecting info - can it be presented to us in a way we can understand?

Ambassador W. Teams have been over there collecting data to put together an Environmental Impact Statement. Must respect highest standards.

At 1730 the question and answer period was completed and Mr. Wilson read his comments on the public land paper (see his text of 12/16/73).