

activities. Specifically, the civilian sector of Tinian must remain entirely under civilian ownership (public and private) as well as under civilian government control.

b) The Commission is prepared to agree to lease land to the United States for a Joint Service Military Base Complex on Tinian. The Commission is not prepared at this time, however, to agree that the amount of land on Tinian requested by the United States is the minimum necessary to maintain such a base. The Commission expects the United States to provide additional detailed justifications for their stated needs before the next session of the negotiations.

The Commission hopes the United States recognizes the progress we have made in this area since the last session of the negotiations. The United States must appreciate the extreme sensitivity of this issue in the Marianas and our need to proceed slowly and carefully.

We expect that additional progress can be made on this subject in the months ahead--looking toward a final agreement on satisfying United States land requirements in the Marianas. The Commission believes that such progress would be materially assisted if the United States will agree to establish a joint working group on land to explore the many technical issues raised by this broad item of our agenda.