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# D. Ambassador William: (excerpts)

"Living memorial (park) for the people of the Northern Marianas"

"...memorial to American Servicemen but for use of people...

"...consultation and joint planning with local people...

"...recreational area, playing fields, swimming pool, etc.

"...agricultural homesteading within the safety are...(on Tinian)

# Two questions:

## E. Pangelinan

- considered requirements over past 6 months
- caution before making any definite commitments
- current thinking of MPSC not disposed to sell 50 year lease, 50 year option
- Farrallon De M Environmental Impact Statement safety considerations
- Tanapag
  - -- joint use civilian control
  - -- lease 320 acres may reconsider

Iseley Field joint use

# <u>Tinian</u>

only that required civilian sector owned civ controlled agrees to lease not agreed to amount of land

provide detailed definitive needs

Establish joint working group

### H. Willens

#### We understand

- military retention lands not included
- valid leases but will be renegotiated
- retention lands not needed will be returned

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### AMB WILLIAMS

- appreciate importance of land
- we want to purchase lump sum
- Farallon de M. assurances of Envision Impact and safety
- noted reconsideration (possibility) of your position on Tanapag
- Isley Field

joint use we have 250 acres inadequate

- Tinian: understand people want title may have title or so.1/3 we have given reason for 2/3
  - -- need more for maneuver
  - -- airfield bigger glad to restate requirements (no joint working group for military planning)

#### -RECESS-

<u>ACTION</u> Direct USAF/USN to provide Draft E.I.S. on Farallon de Medinilla

### Ambassador Williams

- Comments positive note
- Tinian land concession significant major change, not minor.
- Also, new position on Tanapag Harbor a significant adjustment
- Sale vs lease: appreciate your position thought you were more flexible. 50 year lease plus option; unilateral-for how long?

## Farallon de Mendinilla

- DOD will provide a draft E.I.S.

### Tanapag

## <u>Isley</u> .

- would like to see the covenants before deciding.
- thought our position better for you economically

### Tinian

- joint service use military base complex...harbor, airfield, etc
- 18,500; includes safety zone.
- we hope MPSC/Tinanese will exercise carefully and objectively the alternatives posed

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- -- new village site considered advantage to Tinian & Marianas
- -- safety zone closed infrequently
- -- we could find other ways to bring in ammo of course with no benefits to village
- -- want to be sure people get the facts...

# Joint Working Group

- civil military relations
- joint planning for village
- other activities of military nature
- we are prepared to cooperative
- CDR Westlake liaison with MPSC on DOD matters through Miss Trent to keep you and others informed (in Northern Marianas)

Joe Cruz asked for clarification on church