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FINAL WORKING SESSION

I. Introduction

- Thank them for party Royal Taga - Guests.
- Appreciate comments by so many re progress made.
- Also appreciate remarks about need to consult with people, to provide them with information, to explain to them what we are doing, etc.
- Joint Communique language will not be light reading - so am pleased to hear of your plans to go to the grass roots about these proceedings.
- Agenda.

II. Further comments and questions - on your land paper December 17, 1973

- Covenant Article VII - completed except for those sections dealing with the specifics of the U.S. military land requirements.

[ - Recognize your desire to consider further some of the issues involved in the U.S. military requirements and time to consult with the people on Tinian.

- The U.S. will also want time to consider some parts in your response before taking a final position.]

III. Sale vs. Lease

- Still some confusion since your papers - here and there still use language "sell or lease"

- Questions

-- You suggest 50 year leases with options to renew.

--- for how long?

--- automatic? - i.e., written into original lease

--- at discretion of U.S.?

-- We would like your thinking in writing on these questions

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- While in every instance purchase still U.S. preference, will consider lease arrangements provided 50 + 50.

#### IV. Farallon de Medinilla

- Will provide MPSC with separate environmental impact statements.  
- Will be willing to lease subject to satisfactory terms and answers above questions (in due course - negotiations to acquire).

#### V. Tanapag Harbor

- U.S. will return 320 acres.
- U.S. will consider sympathetically request for return of additional acreage south of Charlie Dock and west of Beach Road to but not including Alpha Dock.
- U.S. desires to renegotiate a lease with option to purchase the remaining retention land area to be used largely for a memorial park for the people of the Marianas.
- U.S. will lease back for harbor related activities all retention land not being used.
- U.S. will require joint use rights to harbor - which of course will remain under civilian control.

#### VI. Isley Field

- U.S. requirement i.e. acreage remains the same - 500 acres.
- Commission's proposal to make 250 available with an additional 250 in reserve may be acceptable.
- U.S. again would prefer purchase arrangement with option to purchase additional 250.
- U.S. already has joint use rights to Isley and intends to continue them in force.
- With regard to the Commission's proposal regarding Isley, the U.S. would appreciate in writing the proposed restrictions and guarantees that would be

contained in a "covenant".

## VII. Tinian

- Understand MPSC prepared to negotiate to meet U.S. needs for Joint military base complex.
- U.S. has stated minimum needs in order to facilitate
  - harbor related activities
  - operational military airbase
  - supply and logistics center
  - ammunition storage area
  - combined sea-air-ground maneuver and training area.
  - headquarters, administration center, housing, etc.
- To accommodate above U.S. minimum 2/3 including area within safety arc around San Jose Village.
  - approximately 18,500 acres,
  - U.S. proposes to purchase approximately half from future GOM (lease until termination)
  - U.S. proposes to renegotiate its current use rights on Tinian - 9,500 acres - lease with option to purchase.
- Commission aware U.S. desire to also acquire remaining 1/3 island for civilian usage.
  - Commission also aware new U.S. position with respect to retention of title by those residents of Tinian who currently have village or agricultural homesteads.
  - Commission also aware that some 98 applications for homesteads will be processed.
- U.S. will honor wishes of people and commission and if it be their and your desire U.S. will limit its request for land on Tinian only to that part of the island to be used for military purposes - leaving the remainder in

private hands or public lands controlled by the future government.

- At the same time the U.S. wishes to continue to impress on the people of San Jose the need for their relocation for safety reasons.

-- The U.S. as you have seen on the map wishes to acquire all lands within the arc.

-- Such lands could be used on lease back arrangements for agriculture, business and harbor related activities.

-- wish to restate again site of new village a local decision.

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With respect to Tiniàn - You have asked for additional justification (detailed) for its stated needs.

- What kind of detailed additional justification do you have in mind?

- We will cooperate but we feel that our briefings in May/June and these past few days - including questions (none of which we refused to answer) should have satisfied you.

- With respect to some aspects of our planning - classification will prevent us from going into clearly military matters.

#### VIII. Joint Working Group

- U.S. welcomes suggestion

- In fact proposed same last December but group never activated.

- Would welcome Commission appointing two or three members to serve on such a group.

- U.S. will do the same.

- Status LNO, CDR Westlake and members U.S. survey and planning teams will be pleased to meet with and brief MPSC members working group when in the Marianas.

- Perhaps you could also give us some idea of what you mean by "technical issues" that you would want explored.

- Would want to make it clear - so that there can be no misunderstanding that working group would not be involved in discussing technical issues and planning for military area - suggestion in past of joint master planning already regretfully rejected, But do want to cooperate in every way with respect to the interface//the civilian community and the military.

- Would be pleased to pursue the establishment of such a joint MPSC-U.S. working group further at your pleasure Mr. Chairman