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Third Round

Ambassador Williams:

- Appreciated party
- Many comments on progress and need for time to educate
- This AM remarks on land-response to paper draft Article 7 of Covenant-description also want to mention Transition-distribute Art. 8
- Review of your land paper
  - position on Purchase-Lease; U.S. prefers purchase however understand your position as far as it goes...please amplify your position 50-50 renewal unilateral by U.S.
  - regarding Farallon de M will provide a draft Environmental Impact Statement (separate from Tinian E.I.S.)
  - Tanapag return 320 north of C southern 320 most for park least back harbor land joint use of harbor civilian control of land.
  - Isley Field U.S. needs 500 acres
- MPSC position 250/covenant 250 may be acceptable, but prefer purchase
- would appreciate seeing restrictions and warranties (i.e., covenant)
- already will have joint use rights
- Tinian: MPSC ready to negotiate for base complex including by definition harbor, airfield, logistic storage, sea-air-ground training maneuver area, housing and headquarters area.
  - U.S. minimums approx 2/3 (18,500)
  - U.S. propose purchase

Chairman MPSC:

- thanks for comments. Would like more time between now and next round.

Tanapag: how much land between A & C docks?

- can we share in Memorial park for both U. S. and Saipan

Isley Field: Stand firm on 250 and covenant 250. What is present need. Can we use; e.g., dig wells and access thru area

Tinian: highly sensitive political situation...hope we can be more ready to negotiate next time. More rationale for your requirements.

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Can supply answers:

1. lease: 50 yrs option for additional 50 unilateral by U.S.
2. mechanics of land transfer
3. Discuss restricted use covenants which are compatible with military requirements.
4. Joint Working Group to deal with civilian matters/concerns.
5. Detailed justifications...no desire to gain access or dictate planning. Show comparisons with other bases and training areas. Visually display

Vital steps:

when U.S. laws come into effect, etc?  
no problem administering Marianas separately

- prepared to administer separately
  - When and how should it be done?
  - immediately after status Agreement signed and when U.S. Congress provides necessary funding.
- believe Marianas should enjoy benefits as soon as possible
  - dislocation problems
  - capitol relocation

Our view of timetable:

- Ad Hoc Committee on Phase I before Agreement
- Steps to fund Phase I
- Agreement to Dist Legislature
- Political Education
- Plebiscite
- U.S. Exec then Cong Approval
- Studies and reorganization
- Constitutional Convention
- Formal approval of status agreement

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