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Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams  
The President's Personal Representative  
for Micronesian Status Negotiations  
The Old Executive Office Building Room 361  
Washington, D. C. 20506

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

As I mentioned in my letter of April 8, 1974 in conjunction with our conversations in Honolulu in March of this year, it was determined that your Status Committee could use a more recent cost analysis of the survey of the total land mass in Mariana Islands District. I directed my staff to complete this analysis and their findings are as follows:

TOTAL LAND SURVEY NEEDS:

The total estimated cost to survey and adjudicate the land in the Marianas District is \$3,400,000.00 and could be completed in about three years, with the exception of parcels that find their way into court. The detail cost and justification are divided into two (2) areas; currently funded and unfunded.

(a) Currently Funded - \$1,590,000.00:

This project is currently being funded by FY-1974 grant funds. The project is titled "Public Land Survey" and will begin the vast land survey job needed here in the Marianas. This will include the identification and survey of much of the public land and should take care of roughly one third of the estimated land needs. Included in this project are the 180 agriculture homesteads which have certification of compliance and deeds but are not surveyed.

(b) Unfunded Needs - \$1,810,000.00:

The balance of the unmet needs in this land area fall into two major divisions:

(1) Unfunded current needs \$1,030,000.00:

These covers and estimated 600 to 700 agriculture homesteads applications in Saipan, Tinian and Rota. also included are some 200-400 village lots in Saipan, Rota and Tinian. The above estimate includes the survey, adjudication

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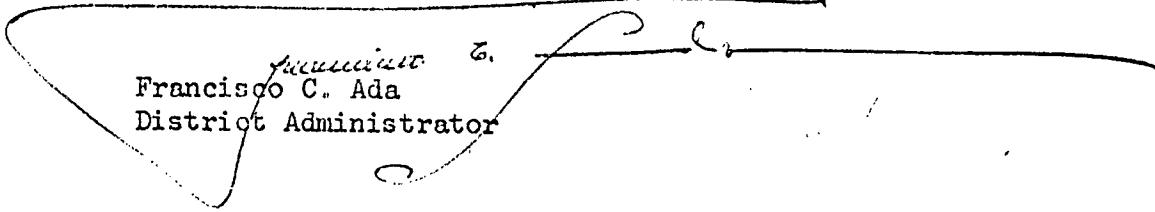
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and registration of these parcels. We have also included an estimated \$100,000.00 to do some survey work island north of Saipan. We feel that this will cover the current needs as we see them at this time and complete about three fourths of the total land survey needs.

(2) Unfunded development needs \$780,000.00:

The balance of our survey needs fall into the category of development. We have various areas that are desirable to be developed, such as Marpi, Kagman (Here on Saipan) and like areas on Rota and Tinian. We see a need for several new villages. The estimate does not include planning, design, engineering and other development cost (Power, water, sewer, etc.)

Sincerely,

  
Francisco C. Ada  
District Administrator

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