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MEMORANDUM TO THE MPSC FILE

SUBJECT: Discussion with Adrian DeGraffenreid

DeGraffenreid called me today to express a very helpful and positive attitude with respect to my letter of April 12. He said that he would send me copies of the bills and resolutions which he had--only three--and would arrange for the additional bills to be sent to me as they were received. He said also that he had requested the Guam legislation I wanted. The fact sheet will be sent over immediately. The environmental impact statement for Tinian, he said, had not yet been officially released. However, he acknowledged that at least a portion of the report had been made public by a biologist (?) who prepared it. He said that he would check with the Defense Department and would send me as much of it as he could. Finally, he said that he would attempt to get from the Immigration and Naturalization Service the material which I requested in my letter.

DeGraffenreid asked how we were coming along in preparation for the next round of negotiations. I told him we had spent a good deal of time working on Ad Hoc Committee matters, and were now turning full force to other matters. Adrian asked whether it would be useful to have a meeting before the next round. I told him that we had requested a meeting of the Committee on Military Land Requirements, but that apparently the United States did not want to have such a meeting. He did not directly reply. He did say that he had been working on issues mentioned in the last Joint Communique--particularly, the identification of provisions to be subject to mutual consent, eminent domain, citizenship, internal revenue, and on an interim formula for applicability of laws--as well as on the covenant (which he referred to as the compact). I told him that if the U.S. thought a meeting would be useful, then Wilson should call Willens. DeGraffenreid said that he thought Wilson would do so.

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DeGraffenreid also said that he thought that the date of the negotiations was firmly set on the 15th of May. He said the open question was where the negotiations would be held. In view of the civil complaint (which DeGraffenreid called an indictment) recently brought against Santos, DeGraffenreid thought that the MPSC might not want to meet in Saipan. Pangelinan has apparently told Trent that he preferred a meeting in Hawaii. DeGraffenreid told me that the Ambassador had met with Salii in Carmel recently, and indicated that that was an outside possibility as well. The question turns mostly on the availability of funds.

DeGraffenreid also said that he had been working on Joint Committee matters, and had a good meeting with Salii. He thought good progress is being made in those negotiations.

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