

FUNDING FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING: A PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL

Expenses for the Marianas political education program, both in the short and long-term, should be relatively modest in size owing to the compactness of the area to be covered, the small size of the population and the availability of material, media and personnel resources within the TTPI administration and USG agencies.

At the moment, proposed funding levels for Marianas PE stand at \$5,000 for the short-term program and \$50,000 for the long-term. If we are careful to take full advantage of the existing resources these funds should be adequate to carry the program through to its completion.

A funding proposal by activity follows. The activities listed are still very tentative and as they have yet to be discussed and agreed to by OMSN or the MPSC.

SHORT-TERM PROGRAMMING

During the period preceding a final agreement on the commonwealth covenant, expenditures will be almost entirely for travel by the MPSC to Rota and Tinian. Perhaps as much as three-quarters of the \$5,000 (\$3,750) allotted for FY 1974 should be reserved for this travel. The remaining \$1,250 could be used for part-time clerical help, expenses incurred in organizing public meetings on Saipan and the purchase, if necessary, of space in local newspapers for articles on the status change. Any expenses incurred between the end of FY 1974 and the beginning of Phase I (estimated at January, 1975) would be the responsibility of the Marianas District Legislature. The establishment of branch MPSC offices on Rota and Tinian and the employment of two part-time administrative/clerical personnel to lend support to the activities of the Joint Military-Civilian Advisory Councils might fall into this latter category (funding for these employees is also carried under the long-term/Phase I proposal which follows.) 03023915

Other activities suggested for this period, i.e., the opening of a TTPI land office on Tinian, IV and radio slots on status change, and preparation and distribution of a DOD Tinian fact sheet could all be covered by the TTPI or DOD at no

cost to the MPSC or OMSN.

LONG-TERM PROGRAMMING

The scope of political education activities during this period, projected at about two years, will be greatly enlarged and this is reflected in the expanded budget of \$50,000 for these activities. A breakdown by proposed activity follows:

1. Branch information offices on Tinian and Rota
  - a. Office space - can be shared with the DISTADREP or Municipal Council and therefore no rental cost is anticipated.
  - b. Local employees - employment of two part-time employees (one each on Tinian and Rota) on a three-day-a-week basis for information and clerical work - anticipated cost \$1,500 each per annum (total for two years - \$6,000).
2. Saipan Headquarters for PE program
  - a. Office space - can be shared with DISTAD, District Legislature, or Municipal Authority with no rental cost.
  - b. Full-time program director - to organize and coordinate program from Saipan base with frequent travel to other islands - anticipated salary cost \$10,000 per annum (\$20,000 for two years) plus \$4,000 for travel expenses and per diem, etc.
  - c. Clerical help - should be provided by employees of the Transitional Secretariat and/or the District Legislature at no charge.
3. Participation by U.S. representative in PE program (part-time) - We anticipate that this individual will be part of the Transition Secretariat staff and his salary would be covered in the Secretariat's budget. Travel expenses and per diem for specific PE activities should come under the PE allotment and are estimated at about \$3,000 for the two-year period.

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4. Media production costs - most of these expenses relating to publications (including the status primer), radio and television broadcasting and other media activity should be absorbed by the TTPI in the Marianas District budget or in the overall TTPI budget for political education. However, a contingency fund for special materials not available through the TTPI should be established. A total of \$8,000 is proposed for this activity.

5. Public meetings with MPSC - Travel and incidental expense of MPSC members in conducting public discussions of the status change. A total of \$9,000 is proposed.

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