

District prior to the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. The Commission shared its preliminary views with the United States Delegation for the purpose of opening a dialogue on this important subject. The U.S. in turn promised to take the matter under advisement and both parties agreed that further study and consultation on this question should be carried forward prior to the next negotiating session.

The members of the Marianas Political Status Commission and the U.S. Delegation expressed appreciation for the warm hospitality extended to them by the people of Rota, Tinian and Saipan and for all of the courtesies and cooperation received from the authorities of the TTPI Headquarters and the Marianas District Government.

No firm date was set for the next meeting but it is expected that it will take place in the early fall. In the meantime informal consultations will continue and technical, legal and drafting experts will be meeting in accordance with the agreements reached and recorded in this Joint Communique.

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