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POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Is the wording in the committee report sufficient in the area of general utilities?
2. Do we wish to include Roads as no agreement has been reached in this area.
3. Is the language sufficient regarding the beach access?
4. Other recreational facilities are still an issue to be resolved.
5. Should we pursue the educational system any further?
6. Lease back of the other areas on the military complex other than the 1200 acres.
7. Price determination: a. Do we ask the U. S. to withdraw their \$11.6 million offer and proceed with the Seldin approach to value of land; b. Do we use arbitration as a fallback position.
8. Other land issues such as the 22 ± acres of Coast Guard land: a. Is this land to be also negotiated for on a long term basis at this time? b. Should a lease be developed and agreed upon for this land prior to the conclusion of the status negotiations?
9. Joint use agreement--Isley Field. Do we write a new joint use agreement prior to signing a status agreement?

10. - strip of land between beach & middle road.

POSITION PAPER
OF
MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION
REGARDING THE REPORT
OF THE
AD HOC PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

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The Marianas Political Status Commission has reviewed the Report dated April 16, 1974 of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee on Transition in the Marianas.

The Commission accepts the Report with the following changes:

1. The Marianas Political Status Commission desires to ensure representation of Tinian and Rota on the proposed Joint Marianas-U. S. Commission on Transition. In place of the phrase "a representative from the local community appointed by the District Legislature" in the third paragraph on page 2 of the Report, the Marianas Political Status Commission proposes substitution of the phrase "two current or former members of the Marianas Political Status Commission, one each from Tinian and Rota, appointed by the District Legislature".

2. If the above suggestion is acceptable to the U. S. Delegation, then the Joint Commission will have eight rather than seven members. If the U. S. Delegation desires to add another U. S. representative to the Joint Commission, the Marianas Political Status Commission has no objection.

3. On page 4 of the Report in the fifth paragraph, the Marianas Political Status Commission proposes adding the words "and its political subdivisions" to the end of the sentence.

4. On page 4 of the Report in the last sentence, the Marianas Political Status Commission proposed deleting the phrase "or a special planning committee appointed by the District Legislature for this purpose". The Marianas Political Status Commission is confident that it will exercise responsibility for implementation of the new status after an agreement is signed.

5. On page 8 of the Report in the fourth paragraph, the Marianas Political Status Commission proposes deleting the words "short but" referring to the educational effort to be conducted prior to the constitutional referendum.

As the U. S. Delegation knows from previous sessions in these negotiations, the Marianas Political Status Commission attaches great importance to the transitional planning effort outlined in the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee. If final agreement on this Report can be reached at this session, and substantial progress is made on other subjects under negotiation, the Marianas Political Status Commission hopes that the U. S. Delegation will begin the process of obtaining the necessary funds as soon as possible.