

military operation of the base. Further discussions will be held with respect to local community needs for public utility services. The U.S. offered to improve the road from San Jose Village to the Marpo Valley and north into the base area by the construction of a by-pass road to the civilian air terminal and around the air base. Opportunity will be provided for the development of a commercially operated ferry system between Saipan and Tinian and possibly Rota.

The United States indicated its intent to relinquish its use rights on all remaining military retention land in the Northern Marianas not covered by the new agreement - some 4,691 acres (1,898 hectares) - and to return them to the public domain at a time to be agreed but no later than the date when the formal status agreement becomes effective.

The two delegations discussed whether the land could be made available to the United States by lease or purchase and methods of determining fair market value. A Joint Land Committee has been appointed by the Marianas Political Status Commission and the President's Personal Representative to consider the exact details of specific requirements and means, procedures and terms for acquisition of land by the U.S. Government.

It was agreed that the consideration and development of appropriate safeguards in the area of eminent domain would be referred to the Joint Drafting Committee referred to below. The question of how to implement the prior agreement that the Marianas Government will have the authority to prohibit the alienation of land to persons not of Marianas descent was also referred to the Joint Drafting Committee. This Committee