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MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION
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June 18, 1974

The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
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Dear Ambassador Williams:

Upon completion of the 4th round of talks between the Marianas Political Status Commission and the United States Delegation, we have had an opportunity to review your May 30, 1974 memorandum entitled "Terms of Reference for a U. S. - MPSC Joint Land Committee" and I would like to make the following comments regarding the respective sections:

I. Organization: As was indicated at the closing session, the following three (3) members of the Marianas Political Status Commission were named to this land committee:

- a. Pedro A. Tenorio
- b. Jose R. Cruz
- c. Benjamin T. Manglona

Although you have given a tentative indication of the various personnel involved on the side of the United States, we would appreciate a more specific listing as soon as possible.

In addition to the members we have listed above, the following staff consultants will be available to support our members:

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- a. A land evaluation team
- b. Military logistics and engineering experts
- c. Legal counsel, both in Saipan and in Washington, D. C.
- d. Economic experts in Washington, D. C.
- e. Such other and further staff as we feel advisable, depending on the circumstances.

II. Procedures: The statement made in your memorandum appears to be the appropriate approach in this area.

III. Time Parameters: Although we feel the date of August 15, 1974 is an ambitious time frame, we are more than prepared to work closely with the United States Delegation in an attempt to arrive at an agreement and present a report at that time.

IV. Subjects for Consideration: In reference to subjects for consideration, there may be additional areas we wish to include, beyond the ones mentioned in your memorandum. However, the final determination of just which items should be on the agenda we would like to reserve until our experts are on board and we complete the first day or two of meetings.

V. Funding: The funding procedures as outlined in your memorandum appear to be appropriate. It is understood that the expense of the survey will be met by the United States. However, possibly an observer from the Marianas Political Status Commission will be attached to this survey team for coordination purposes. It is further understood that the results of this survey will be made available to both delegations immediately upon completion.

We would once again like to reiterate that, although the committee will do the basic groundwork in reference to the subjects under consideration, final approval must rest with the Commission as a whole--just as was necessary

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in the Ad Hoc Committee.

It would be much appreciated if this committee could start work as quickly as possible. If there are any questions regarding the above, we would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



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MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSSION

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