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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Meeting with Ambassador Williams, Marianas Negotiation

NAME & TITLE OF VISITOR: Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams  
The President's Personal Representative  
for Micronesian Status Negotiations

TIME & DATE: 1400 hours, Tuesday, 18 June 1974

LOCATION: Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense

HOW TO ADDRESS VISITOR: Haydn or Ambassador Williams

ATTENDEES:

Department of Defense

Deputy Secretary of Defense - William P. Clements, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) - Robert F. Ellsworth  
Ass't for Trust Territories of the Pacific, ISA, Captain E.C. Whelan, USN

Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations

The President's Personal Representative - Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams  
The Ambassador's Deputy - Mr. James Wilson

APPOINTMENTS WITH OTHER SENIOR US OFFICIALS:

1500, 18 June 1974 - Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Amos A. Jordan  
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense  
International Security Affairs

Attachment  
Topics of Discussion

Prepared by: Captain E.C. Whelan, USN  
Approved by:

Date: 18 June 1974

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## 18 JUNE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS

### FOURTH ROUND MARIANAS TALKS

Marianas Status. Fourth Round Marianas Status talks held on Saipan 15-31 May, with much progress achieved:

- Generally agreed to satisfy military land requirements, but tough details to be worked out this summer by joint committee.
- Tentative agreement on annual financial support at \$13.5 million plus normal Federal programs; however, must be approved by White House since level is above current \$12 million ceiling.
- Expect Fifth Round in October to complete substance of Commonwealth Agreement.

Issues Concerning DOD center around very difficult aspects of land acquisition

- lease versus purchase of military land (OASD/I&L and members of Congress insist on purchase). Ambassador appears ready to concede lease;
- value of land should not be inflated as a negotiation incentive because of bad precedent for US/DOD land actions elsewhere in that area;
- details of land acquisition to be worked out during July-August by a joint committee rather than DOD acquiring land directly.

### Discussion Points

- Compliment Ambassador Williams on his excellent handling of Tinian village relocation issue (TAB A) ... regret we (DOD) could not have given him earlier notice.
- indicate that we recognize the difficulty in acquiring land at reasonable cost ... DOD prepared to takeover this task, or assign appropriate talent to land committee and respond to Ambassador's policy guidance; however, we don't think it would be appropriate to have another Department's employee in charge of this committee ... should be DOD chairman.
- If Ambassador Williams raises subject of Saipan Memorial Park (TAB B) indicate we have not received Interior's Master Plan yet, but consider park project an endeavor the Congress would be pleased to authorize/ appropriate funds for ...

### Micronesian Talks

- Ambassador Williams intends to meet with Chairman Sali on Guam 8-10 July and in Palau 11-12 July to discuss further the Micronesian status talks.
- DOD is still concerned about satisfying land requirements and status of forces agreement in these talks ... don't want to delay these tough issues until after our negotiating leverage is nearly gone.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

*Mr Clements* 10 May 1974

Memo For General Jones, Military Assistant  
to DepSecDef

*Handwritten initials and stamps*

Request your approval of attached Memcon prior to final ISA approval and distribution.

*Signature*  
LEON E. HOFFER  
CDR USN  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVE *W.P. Clement*  
*20 MAY 1974*  
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*Be sure Amb Williams is informed of plans to include in the Bill. Also L.A.*  
*To: Maj. Hokeny 1150-20 May 74*

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