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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLENS

Subject: Miscellaneous Marianas Matters

1. Today I spoke to Andre Surena and Adrian DeGraffenried about the Joint Drafting Committee. Adrian had expected my call because Jim Wilson had mentioned it. Andre did not know that I would be calling as a follow-up to your meeting with Wilson last week. Both of them indicated that the United States will not be prepared on Friday for anything but the most general discussions of how to proceed in the Joint Drafting Committee. Andre indicated that they may have a list of what they consider the major differences between the two drafts. I told them both that I would attempt to have our "committee print" available before Friday for them, and I urged that they make available whatever they can before Friday as well, though they almost certainly will not be able to do so. In general, I urged that we structure a mechanism by which the junior members of each side could get together before the meetings of the Committee and exchange documents or hold discussions which would make the meetings themselves as productive as possible. Both Adrian and Andre were generally agreeable, though neither could commit themselves on the suggestion.

2. At the end of my conversation with Adrian, he told me that Adrian Winkle had some problems with the concept of a corporation holding public lands in the Marianas. Adrian suggested that we get in contact with Winkle to explain the structure of the proposed land corporation and to allay his fears that it will be a private entity and not responsive to the public.

  
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