

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (I&L)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (I&L)

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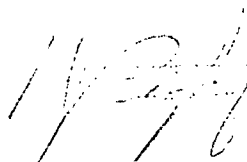
SUBJECT: Marianas Land and Base Negotiations

Ambassador Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesia Status Negotiations, during the recently completed Fourth Round of political status negotiations with the Marianas District of the TTPI, achieved general agreement that military land requirements on Saipan, Tinian and Farallon de Medinilla would be satisfied. However, the difficult task of reaching detailed agreement on method of acquisition, land price and joint use or lease back arrangements must be completed by mid-September.

It is requested that the DOD land acquisition and construction agent for the TTPI, the Department of the Navy, and the DOD executive agent for base development on Tinian, the Department of the Air Force, each assign a broadly qualified official to represent their respective DOD interests as members of the US-Marianas Land Committee. Both DOD members of the land committee shall be guided by communication with and instructions from officials of the cognizant headquarters and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As designated by previous correspondence, the Deputy Assistant Commander for Real Estate, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, will provide initial and continuing guidance to DOD team members on matters involving land acquisition. Additional technical advisors from appropriate commands or activities shall be specifically designated to support the land committee on such matters as facility construction, Tinian base development planning and joint civil-military use arrangements.

The attached letter from Ambassador Williams provides details on the joint land committee. It is understood that the DOD members may be required to meet with the US Chairman on Saipan as early as 11 July 1974. It is requested that the names and the security clearance of the DOD members and technical representatives be provided no later than 3 July 1974 to Captain E. C. Whelan, USN, Assistant for TTPI, OSD/ISA, (Room 4C840, X-56944/77757).

To assist in the development of a satisfactory US position on the issues outlined in the attached letter, it is further requested that concise, complete and fully supportable positions on each of these subjects be developed by the appropriate executive agent. Close coordination and heavy reliance on each Department's previous experience in these areas is necessary. The proposed position papers on each of these subjects are requested by 1200, 3 July.


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