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Ambassador F. Hadyn Williams  
The President's Personal Representative  
for Micronesian Status Negotiations  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 361  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Ambassador Williams:

Secretary Clements asked that I respond to your letter of June 24, 1974 in which you requested two representatives from the Department of Defense to serve on a Joint US-Marianas Land Committee to assist in the conduct of sub-negotiations for the acquisition of land required by the United States in the Marianas. Additionally, you asked for certain technical consultants to advise the US members of the land committee.

To meet your desires for early establishment of the land committee, the names of the Defense members were provided verbally to your office on July 2, and I understand that they met with Mr. James Wilson on July 3 to review the objectives and modus operandi of the committee.

This is to confirm the assignment of Mr. Roy Markon, Deputy Assistant Commander for Real Estate, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, and Mr. Bernard Dove, Chief Bases and Units Division, Directorate of programs, Headquarters United States Air Force, as the Department of Defense members of the Joint US-Marianas Land Committee. During certain initial sessions of the Land Committee's deliberations these members will be represented by Mr. Joseph Samaritano, Pacific Division, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, and Lieutenant Colonel Walter W. Appelle, Jr., Bases and Units Division, Headquarters United States Air Force, respectively.

Trust you will find this satisfactory  
601 (24 June 1974)

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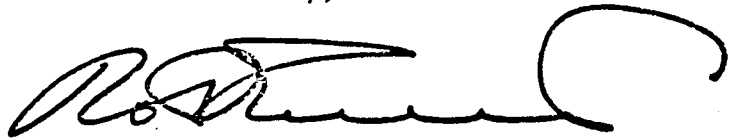
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Necessary technical support will be provided by Mr. Samaritano's office, the Officer in Charge of Construction, Guam, for real estate and construction matters, and by Lieutenant Colonels Ernest D. Strait and Rudy Garcia, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, for construction and base development planning respectively. These technical advisors will respond when requested by the US component of the Land Committee.

I would expect that opportunity will be provided for adequate Department of Defense staffing of the various positions as they are developed in order to assure fully supportable submissions in the budget process and before the Congress.

Sincerely,



Robert Ellsworth  
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