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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION FILE

Subject: Joint Land Negotiating Committee

The Micronesian News Service, July 17, 1974, reports that the members of this Committee for the Marianas are Pedro Tenorio, Jose Cruz and Ben Manglona; and for the United States, James Wilson, Emmett Rice, Roy Markon and Bernard Dove.

MNS reports that Senator Pangelinan, President Santos, Daniel Muna and Jim White attended the opening session of the Committee's deliberations. David Schiele, State Department Status Liaison Officer in Saipan, also attended. Markon and Dove were represented by Joseph Smaritano and Lt. Col. Walter Appelle.

Markon is the Executive Assistant to the Director of Real Property of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command here in Washington. I spoke with him last fall while researching the cease/purchase issue. Grant Reynolds, in the Air Force General Counsel Office, referred me earlier this week to Markon for information about the Use and Occupancy Agreement -- with the warning that Markon clearly sees his position as adverse to ours.

Jim Leonard told me today that Rice is in Washington now -- as are Wilson and (I assume) Markon. (I don't know who Dove is.) This might be an opportunity for us to meet with the U.S. members of the Committee, if we have some reason to do so. Perhaps after a review of the materials Panegelinan has sent we can make this decision. Leonard reported that Rice said the meeting in Honolulu is tentatively planned for July 31 - August 1, and that Rice thinks it is contingent on the MPSC finding the funds to send its members there.

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