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AGENDA FOR THE JULY 31, 1974 MEETING
OF THE JOINT DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Marianas Constitution

- (a) Will the President or the U. S. Congress approve the Marianas Constitution on behalf of the United States (C.A. Section 1201(c); Cov. Section 303)?
- (b) Will the people of the Marianas approve the Marianas Constitution before or after it is approved by the United States (C.A. Section 1202(d); Cov. Section 304)?
- (c) Will the Marianas Constitutional Convention be permitted to begin before the U. S. Congress approves the status agreement (C.A. Section 1202(a); Cov. Section 302)?
- (d) What mechanism will be established to assure that as much of the Marianas Constitution as can lawfully come into effect prior to termination of the Trusteeship does come into effect?
- (e) Will the Executive Branch of the Commonwealth Government be charged with the responsibility for faithfully executing the laws of the United States (Cov. Section 307)?

Washington Representative

How will the status agreement deal with a Washington representative for the Commonwealth (C.A. Sections 1101-02)?

Land Issues

- (a) Will the status agreement require or simply permit the Commonwealth to restrict land alienation to persons of Marianan descent (C.A. Section 208(b)(1); Cov. Section 302)?

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(b) Will the status agreement require the Commonwealth to regulate the extent of individual holdings of public land (Cov. Section 402)?

Applicability of U. S. Constitution

What is the U. S. position with respect to a provision permitting the Commonwealth Legislature to reflect interests other than merely population (C.A. Section 208(b)(2))?

Mutual Consent

(a) Why is it not necessary to make the citizenship provisions of the status agreement, particularly the grant of citizenship to persons born in the Marianas after termination of the trusteeship, subject to mutual consent (C.A. Section 303; Cov. 203)?

(b) Why is it not necessary to make the provisions of the status agreement dealing with Phase II funding subject to mutual consent?

Other

What is the U. S. position with respect to the Commonwealth's membership in certain types of regional or international organizations (C.A. Section 1002(b); see also December 19, 1973 draft Covenant Title V)?