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SUMMARY OF THE FIRST SESSION
OF THE
JOINT LAND COMMITTEE
OF THE
MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS

From July 15, 1974 through July 17, 1974, the U. S. - M.P.S.C. Joint Land Committee, created during the Marianas status negotiations, met in the Conference Room at Headquarters, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

The members of the committee for the United States were James M. Wilson, Jr., Chairman; Emmett M. Rice, Vice-Chairman; Joseph Samaratano representing Roy Markon; and Lieutenant Colonel Walter Appelle representing Bernard Dove. Representing the State Department was David Schiele, Deputy Liaison Officer. The members of the committee from the Marianas Political Status Commission were Pedro A. Tenorio, representative from Saipan, Chairman; Jose R. Cruz, representative from Tinian; and Benjamin Manglona, representative from Rota. Additionally present were Daniel Muna, member; and James E. White, Executive Director and legal council.

As a result of this three-day session, the following was accomplished:

1. Terms of Reference were adopted for the U. S. - M.P.S.C. Joint Land Committee.
2. A tentative agenda was discussed.

3. It was agreed that surveys required under paragraph IV(A) of the Terms of Reference should begin immediately by the U. S. Government, and provisions were made for inclusion of a Marianas Political Status Commission observer.

4. A format of a letter from James M. Wilson, Jr. to Pedro A. Tenorio requesting assistance in acquisition of necessary entry permits was presented and approved.

5. A schedule of future times and places of meetings was tentatively approved.

6. It was agreed that the next working session would begin on either July 31 or August 1 (1974) in Honolulu or Saipan.