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POSITION PAPER
ON
GENERAL JOINT USES FOR THE ISLAND
OF TINIAN

Other position papers will go more definitively into joint use within the specific areas of San Jose Harbor, the commercial air operations of West Field, and the social structural developments of the military complex; however, in addition to those specific joint use arrangements it is appropriate that this Land Committee review the other general joint uses referred to during our prior negotiations. Generally, these are electrical power, with the possibility of gas power, telephones, sewers, water, roads, beach access, and fishing rights. It is understood by this committee that all we are attempting to develop, as an outgrowth of our Land Committee, are general principles to be applied at a later time when a Joint Relations Committee becomes active and the implementation stage is near.

ELECTRICAL POWER SITUATION

It is understood, after a review with your technical experts, that it is anticipated an electrical power plant will be located approximately west northwest of San Jose Harbor. Tinian presently has an electrical

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power plant located directly south of the village area. Unfortunately, this location advocated by the Trust Territory Government interferes substantially with the quietude of the village. Therefore, we would like to see this power facility retained on a standby basis and tied into the electrical distribution system in order to provide power to the civilian community during emergency situations, and that our electrical power requirements be included within the military capability when that operation is developed. It is appropriate that the initial military capability takes into consideration the supply of electrical power for the San Jose Village area, San Jose Harbor, and the commercial air facility at West Field. We further request that this electrical power capability be extended along the bypass road so that the Marpo Valley area could receive electrical power during the near term period. We want the civilian electrical requirements satisfied concurrently with those electrical requirements of the military.

An appropriate mechanism would then be developed through the Joint Relations Committee for consumer usage reimbursement. It should be understood that there will be at the outset and in the future sufficient power capability to supply residential, business, commercial, and governmental needs on the southern third of Tinian. At a later time, should expansion be necessary to keep pace with the development of the community in the southern one third (1/3) of Tinian,

One underlying principle that should be developed is that the military will establish sufficient power output, and that additional establishment of lines into the previously unelectrified area would be the responsibility of either the military or the civilian community, depending upon the determination by the Joint Relations Committee using the avenue of least expense, understanding that all easements necessary to develop the initial construction of electrical power would be available to the Government of the Northern Marianas should it be doing the expansion work, and all necessary additional hookups and tie-ins would be processed without further negotiation.

NATURAL GAS FACILITIES

It is not anticipated, at this juncture, that natural gas facilities will be developed by the military for their base establishments; however, should this capability be considered feasible in the future and so developed by the military, a corresponding civilian capability for the southern one third of Tinian should be appropriately developed at the same time so that the civilian community, as well as the military community, can take advantage of this additional potential power source.

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES

Presently Tinian is without any telephone and/or

telegraphic capability except by a Trust Territory radio contact. It is assumed that the military will establish a rather extensive communications system for its military complex, and at the time of the establishment of that telephone and telegraphic complex, it is expected that the U. S. military will develop telephone and telegraphic services to satisfy the needs of the civilian, commercial, business and government communities within the commercial airfield at West Field, San Jose Harbor, the village of San Jose and the Marpo Village area. An appropriate mechanism would then be developed through the Joint Relations Committee for consumer usage reimbursement.

Later expansion of the telephone and telegraphic lines in the southern one third of the island for the above-stated purposes could be accomplished as stated for the electrical power situation by either the military or civilian community. Again, this decision is probably best deferred to the Joint Relations Committee, understanding that all easements necessary to develop the initial construction of telephone and telegraphic communications would still be available to the Government of the Northern Marianas should it be doing the expansion work, and that all necessary additional hookups and tie-ins would be processed without further negotiations; and the military should insure that its switchboard system and telephone power supply capability would be sufficient to adequately handle all

of these future developments. One additional factor to be considered as a principle guideline is that these systems should be compatible with the telephone systems throughout the Marianas.

Two additional situations occur in reference to a communications system for the island of Tinian. They are: 1) The possibility of laying an underwater cable from Guam to Tinian by the military for increased communications capability; and 2) Cable television. It is assumed by this committee that, should an underwater cable capability be established between Guam and Tinian, such a capability would also be extended to Rota and Saipan for the development of a complete communications system for the major part of the Northern Marianas and Guam. Assuming that the military will include within the underwater cable from Guam the provision for cable television, it is this committee's position that the cable television capability will be extended to the islands of Rota and Saipan, and that the use of this military cable television capability will be available to the civilian communities on Saipan, Tinian and Rota subject to the establishment of an appropriate mechanism for consumer usage reimbursement.

WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Sewer and water distribution line capability within

the village area of San Jose, San Jose Harbor to dockside, and along the bypass road into the Marpo Valley area up to and including the new commercial airport, would be part of the initial development by the military when it develops its own sewer and water systems. The water catchment capability or other water production facilities such as desalinization, as well as waste water treatment plants and solid waste disposal facilities would be supplied by the military at the outset and in the future in sufficient quantity to insure the needs of the commercial airport, San Jose Harbor area, including shipside connections, and for agricultural, commercial, business, governmental and residential needs. Later expansion in the civilian community as to water production, waste water treatment, or solid waste disposal capabilities will be provided by the military; however, additional sewer and water distribution lines to new developing areas in the southern one third of Tinian could be supplied, either by the military or by the local community; this decision, as stated in other areas, is appropriate for Joint Relations Committee determination. If it is determined that the civilian community will do this additional work, it is understood that all easements necessary to develop the initial facilities of sewer and water distribution lines, water catchment or other capability, waste water treatment plants, and solid waste disposal plants would be available to the Government of the Northern Marianas, and all necessary

Additional hookups and tie-ins would be processed without further negotiation. As previously stated for electrical power and telephone, an appropriate mechanism for consumer usage reimbursement would be a subject for the Joint Relations Committee when the facilities near completion.

ROADS

It has been established in previous negotiations that a bypass road will be built from the village of San Jose, through the Marpo Valley, into the commercial area of West Field, and beyond West Field to Broadway, north of West Field. It is understood by this committee that this road will be a minimum of two lanes wide and will be paved and appropriately marked to provide maximum safety. In addition to the development of this roadway, the roads in the San Jose Village area, and in San Jose Harbor, will be subjected to higher densities of vehicles with the advent of the military complex. It is this committee's position that, at the time of the building of the road complex on the base facility itself, the San Jose Village and San Jose Harbor roads will be appropriately expanded, paved, and marked. After completion of the road work in San Jose Village and San Jose Harbor areas, the maintenance of these roads will be the responsibility of the U. S. military. Later expansion of roads in the southern one third of Tinian could be developed optionally

either by the military or by the Government of the Marianas. This is also an appropriate subject for the Joint Relations Committee opting for the least costly development capability. Also, in reference to maintenance of these roads in the southern one third of the island, other than San Jose Village and the San Jose Harbor areas, the option should be left to the Joint Relations Committee to determine whether it would be more appropriate for the local government to maintain these roads, or to include them in the maintenance area of the military on a refundable basis. Should the Marianas Government decide that it would be more appropriate for the Marianas Government to maintain these roads, it should be understood that the use of military equipment at a reasonable rate, whenever the military does not have need for this equipment, would be appropriate and should be a guideline for the Joint Relations Committee. This joint use of government equipment should be applicable to both developing new roads and maintaining and improving existing roads.

BEACH ACCESS

As was established in prior negotiations, it has been agreed by the United States that there shall be access to all beach areas in the northern two thirds of Tinian at all possible times by the civilian community. It is understood that during times of manuevers certain

beaches, or areas of a beach, will be inaccessible.

When reviewing maneuver planning, the military authorities shall abide by the principle that maneuver beaches will remain open unless the dictates of public safety require closure for all purposes other than those maneuvers.

In the future, should other possible beach areas be developed by the military, or the civilian community, the same rules of free access shall apply.

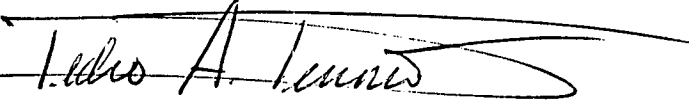
FISHING RIGHTS

Traditionally, the residents of Tinian and Saipan have fished the waters in and around the northern two thirds of Tinian, as well as many areas in the southern one third of Tinian. It is understood as a general principle that all shoreline areas in and around the northern two thirds of Tinian shall remain open to fishermen except for those certain areas that must be closed due to hazardous possibilities developing from maneuvers. Again, whether or not a given fishing area is to be excluded from public use due to maneuvers should always be determined in favor of free access to these fishing areas if any doubt should exist.

The above-stated position paper is in no way attempting to encompass all the potential possible joint

s that could appear in the future; however, these particular joint uses were of major concern to this committee, and it is felt that they need specific attention delineating the above-stated principles within our status agreement and/or lease agreement for the particular areas involved. We would certainly expect that in the future the Joint Relations Committee would review other possible joint use situations as they arise.

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF August, 1974.


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