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POSITION PAPER
OF THE
JOINT LAND COMMITTEE OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION
REGARDING
SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND JOINT USES

Our position paper entitled "General Joint Uses for the Island of Tinian" dated August 12, 1974, did not attempt to go into the more specific social structure uses in reference to the military complex itself. These uses are schools; churches or chapels; hospital and outpatient clinics; recreational facilities such as swimming pools, baseball fields, football fields, track areas, golf courses, handball courts, tennis courts, etc, and base movies and base exchange. With the exception of schools, base movies, and the base exchange, a general principle on joint use should be developed wherein all the other social facilities listed above should provide for access and use by the civilian community at all times. Whether or not a financial contribution should be forthcoming from the Government of the Northern Marianas for the use of these facilities is properly a subject for the proposed Joint Civilian-Military Relations Committee.

BASE EXCHANGE

It is the view of this committee that purchasing of commodities by the civilian community from the base

exchange be restricted, as the civilian community will have adequate retail outlets to supply the food and dry goods needs of the people of Tinian.

BASE MOVIES

Base movies should be the subject of separate review to determine whether or not private enterprise on Tinian could develop and operate these facilities. The initial use of the base movies by the civilian community should be an appropriate principle, at least until such time as adequate separate facilities can be developed in the lower one third of Tinian.

SCHOOLS

The principle of joint use of the school facilities has been established prior to the meetings of this land committee. The initial school facilities, we assume, will be constructed on or near the base facility. We would like to discuss, if possible, the proposed location for a determination of the convenience factor to the civilian community and whether or not bussing is necessary. We also assume that the facilities initially constructed will be of sufficient size to handle the military needs and the then existing civilian children living on Tinian. The development of the Government of the Northern Marianas financial input, and the approach to governing the school system are properly subjects of the proposed Joint Civilian-Military Relations Committee.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPT., 1974.

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