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1. PURPOSE. To describe the necessity to retain a small portion of the extensive Military Retention Lands now held by the US Government on Saipan.
2. BACKGROUND. Since World War II 4640 acres adjacent to Isely Field and 640 acres bordering Tanapag Harbor have been retained by the US Government for possible military use. It is no longer necessary to hold this land and the large majority is being returned, with two exceptions:
3. TANAPAG HARBOR. Of the 640 acre area bordering the harbor, the northern half is being returned while southern 320 acres is to be used as follows:
 - The area seaward of Beach Road and extending from the northern edge of "A" dock to "C" dock is available to the Marianas Government for port operations or activities.
 - Approximately the northern one-half of the land between the Beach Road and the eastern edge of the retention area will continue to be reserved for defense-related industrial type facilities. However, no defense-related development is planned in the near future.
 - The remainder of the land, including half of Micro Point, will be set aside for development as a living memorial park available for public recreation.
 - The harbor would continue under civilian control with Defense shipping allowed to use it if necessary.
4. ISELY FIELD. Approximately 500 acres of the current 4640 held in retention around Isely Field must be reserved for defense-related purposes in certain contingencies. These purposes include:
 - Defense-related industries such as an inspection and repair installation.
 - Training and supply activities, ancilliary to Tinian and Guam.
 - Storage of non-munition (non-explosive) materiel.
 - A military air cargo terminal.

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- The 500 acres are located immediately south of the runway and within the confines of the south boundary road of the airport.
 - However, there are no plans for construction in this area in the near future and the land may be leased back to Saipanese for compatible purposes such as agriculture, temporary storage or airfield associated facilities.
5. MEMORIAL PARK. To protect an historic and beautiful site from commercial exploitation, it is proposed that the beach area south of "A" dock, including half of Micro Point be developed as a park in memory of the US Servicemen who lost their lives in the Marianas during World War II.
- As such, it would be a living memorial, available for the daily recreation and enjoyment of all people on Saipan.
 - US Government is considering the request of the Marianas Political Status Commission to dedicate the Park to both Marianas and United States personnel who were casualties of World War II. ✓
 - The most choice portion of the southern one-half of the Tanapag retention land is reserved for this park.
 - Exact metes and bounds, and acreage to be surveyed.
 - Will include northern half of Micro point and assure the continued use by the people of this picturesque beach area.
 - With the Northern Marianas becoming a Commonwealth of the United States, the US Government is prepared to develop and maintain the park:
 - Clean up the area and maintain it.
 - Erect an appropriate monument as it becomes available.
 - Develop facilities for swimming, picniking and sports.
 - Develop an arboretum across Beach Road from the Micro Beach area.
 - Once remnants of piers and boat landings have been removed from the lagoon, it would be an excellent area to develop a marina for pleasure boats.