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2. A FIRM OFFER FROM THE MARIANAS DELEGATION
WITH AN EXPLANATION ON THE BASIS OF SUCH AN OFFER.

THE MARIANAS DELEGATION PROMISED THAT PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF MARIANAS FIVE A COUNTER-OFFER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL LAND AREAS BEING REQUESTED FROM MILITARY USE AND BASED ON A METHOD OF ACQUISITION AND PAYMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE MARIANAS DELEGATION WILL BE SUBMITTED. THE FURTHER PROB-

LEM OF THE 22 PLUS ACRES OF LAND PRESENTLY BEING USED ON SAIPAN BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED IN EITHER EVALUATION OR IN THE OFFER BY THE UNITED STATES.

## VII. METHOD OF ACQUISITION

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON THE METHOD OF ACQUISITION OF MILITARY LANDS IN THE MARIANAS BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ADEQUATELY STATED BY BOTH DELEGATIONS DURING PREVIOUS ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS. NEITHER SIDE WAS PREPARED TO CHANGE ITS POSITION. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO WISH TO ACQUIRE THESE LANDS BY PUR CHASE IN FEE SIMPLE. THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TAKES THE POSITION THAT A LEASE OF THESE LANDS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM OF FIFTY YEARS WITH AN AUTOMATIC OPTION TO RENEW ON A THEN RENEGOTIATED RATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY YEARS

ADJUSTED PAYMENTS IS AN APPROPRIATE METHOD OF ACQUISITION. THIS ISSUE IS REFERRED TO THE PRINCIPALS ON BOTH DELEGATIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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