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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
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November 20, 1974

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The Honorable Sylvestre T. Cruz
Speaker
Tinian Municipal Council
Tinian, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Cruz:

I want to formally express my appreciation to you for the opportunity to meet with the Tinian Municipal Council on November 19, 1974, regarding the people of Tinian's concern over possible United States land acquisitions on Tinian and its effect on the village and agricultural homesteading programs.

At our meeting your letter of November 19, 1974, was presented. The requests contained in this communication were based on certain conditions stipulated in a letter to the District Administrator, Mariana Islands dated August 29, 1974, which I purportedly signed. At this point, I would like to inform you that such letter dated August 29, 1974, in your possession was considered by me only in draft form and was never signed and delivered to the District Administrator. The only communication concerning Tinian homesteading during the latter part of August, 1974, was my memorandum of August 30, 1974, of which a copy is enclosed. In response, the District Administrator states his priorities in his memorandum of September 9, 1974, of which a copy is also enclosed.

While I realize the above information does not alleviate your concerns, please be advised that all possible is being done to meet the homestead survey requirements on Tinian. Therefore, I urge that the Marianas Political Status Commission be advised of your position so that the wishes of the people of Tinian may be made known at the December 2 meetings with the United States.

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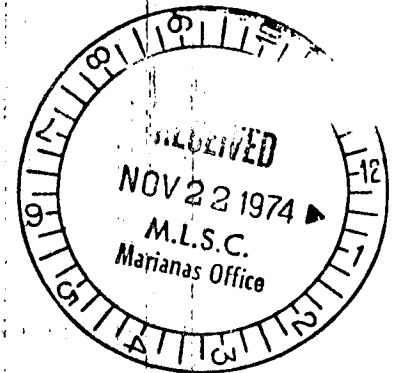
Sincerely yours,



Peter T. Coleman
Deputy High Commissioner

Enclosures: a/s

cc: District Administrator, Mariana
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DATE: August 30, 1974

FROM : Deputy High Commissioner

SUBJECT: Surveying Agricultural Homesteads

A conference between your District Land Management Officer, Mr. [redacted] Young, and officials of Lands and Surveys Division, on August 21, 1974, resulted in Lands and Surveys agreeing that funds available for the identification and mapping of public lands of the Trust Territory may be utilized to survey agricultural homesteads of the Mariana Islands District if requested by your office.

It will be necessary for you and your staff to work up an outline of the work you want accomplished, together with priorities. Lands and Surveys can survey and map the perimeters of areas designated for village lot homesteads but do not feel they can do the subdivision of the area because of the necessity of determining roads, power and water lines, and other public use lands.

Please call on the Chief of Lands and Surveys for further information on this program. We believe some surveying assistance on agricultural homesteads, may be provided within two weeks.


Peter T. Coleman

cc: District Land Management Officer, Marianas

