

November 20, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION FILE

SUBJECT: Conversation with Pete Tenorio and Jim White

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I yelled across the oceans today at Pete Tenorio and Jim White with the following results. First, Pete wants me to tell Jim Wilson that he and the other Marianas members of the Joint Land Committee will endorse only the October 4 version of the Joint Land Committee Report, and that they specifically reject the United States' proposed revision. Second, with respect to the counter-offer, while Pete was aware of the terms that we were proposing, he does not want to put across the counter-offer until the Commission meets and approves it. Jim wants me immediately to send him the draft counter-offer which I have prepared. Pete and Jim will arrange a meeting of the full Commission immediately upon Willens' and Leonard's arrival. If the Commission approves the counter-offer at that time, they will cable that news back to me and I will present the counter-offer to the United States.

Salas has resigned from the Commission because of his judgeship. Apparently no one has been appointed yet to replace him. Jim also told me that Pete and Felix Rabauliman, who had not previously been polled with respect to the desirability of a session of negotiations, want it known that they do want to have a session beginning December 2.

Though I told Jim Wilson this morning that I would contact him after I talked to Pete, I have decided to wait until tomorrow morning, in view of the hour and the desirability of discussing these matters with Willens.

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cc: Howard P. Willens

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