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1. U.S. has been considering further the MPSC invitation to begin on December 2 in light of Bergesen report of his Nov. 16 conversations with Santos regarding meeting in week of December 2.

2. Believe it would be useful, if MPSC concurs, to open with preliminary meeting Dec 2 and 3 and a formal opening on Dec 5. (Santos will probably wish to send MDL rep to Honolulu meeting.)

3. Topics to be discussed informally at Dec 2-3 meeting would be

- A) review of work of drafting committee
- B) review of work of land committee

 C) firming up agenda (U.S. views on this given to Santos Nov. 16) (does not preclude concurrent land committee meeting if necessary)

4. Leave to Pangelinan and Santos who, besides principals, might be there on MPSC side. Would like attendance to be limited on both sides.

5. If not too inconvenient for Marianas representatives, informal session might be held in Guam. Otherwise, Amb Williams would go on to Saipan for preliminary talks.
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6. On foregoing basis Amb. Williams would expect to arrive Guam Dec 1 and depending on arrangements for preliminary meeting, to arrive on Saipan Dec 2 or 4 prior to formal opening on Dec 5. Expect session to last two weeks or as long as needed.

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7. Keep both sides informed going to Eddie and Ben first, then Palacios and Tenorio.

8. Maintain written record of conversations - memcons

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9. MNS release on Dec meeting to be jointly prepared by Bergesen and MPSC - meetings as planned

- at invitation of MPSC (solid front)