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Attached is a copy of DepHiCom Coleman's letter dated November 20 to Sylvestre Cruz, Speaker of the Tinian Municipal Council, in answer to Cruz' letter of November 19 which referred to the White/Pangelinansdraft of August 29 which was not sent.

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November 24, 1974

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.

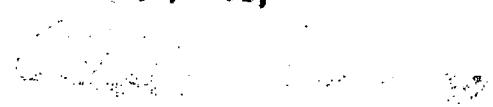
While I realize the above information does not alleviate your concerns, please be advised that all possible is being done to meet the homestead survey requirements on Tinian. Therefore, I urge that the Marianas Political Status Commission be advised of your position so that the wishes of the people of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

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However, in the interim, please be assured that the Trust Territory Government will attempt to move ahead with the homestead survey programs within existing monetary constraints.

Sincerely yours,

  
Peter T. Coleman  
Deputy High Commissioner

Enclosures: a/s

cc: District Administrator, Mariana  
Islands District

bc: James White, esq.

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