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BUDGET

GENERAL

The budget for the transition phase will be agreed to by the MPSC and U.S. negotiating delegation prior to the signing of any agreement.

The budget will cover three general categories:

- a. Joint Secretariat overhead.
- b. Funds for conducting Joint Secretariat directed and coordinated research and studies.
- c. Grants to the Marianas District Legislature for conduct of plebiscite, constitutional convention and referendum.

Once agreement has been reached on the budget for the transition phase, a supplemental budget request covering the first years costs will be prepared and submitted to the U.S. Congress as a supplement to the TT budget earmarked for the Marianas District. Appropriation of the funds would be conditional upon the signing of an agreement between the MPSC and U.S. Follow-on costs for out years would be included in annual budget submissions by the TT administration.

Administering and accounting of the transition phase funds by the TT Administration obviates the need for a budget officer in the Joint Secretariat, thereby reducing overhead costs.

Funds for the cadastral survey of public lands would not be included in the transition phase budget since this item is covered in the regular TT budget.

FUNDING

JOINT SECRETARIAT

Overhead (Annual)	125,000	
Joint Commission Expenses (Annual)	10,000	
PRIVATE CONSULTANTS		107,000
Research contracts (One Time)		
Constitutional Convention		25,000
Government Reorganization		85,000
Fiscal and Revenue Planning		50,000
Initial Legislative Program		50,000
Economic and Social Development Plan		300,000
Physical Planning		150,000
Impact of Relocation of TTPI Capital		50,000

GRANTS (One Time)

Conduct of Status Plebiscite		25,000
Conduct of Constitutional Convention		75,000
Conduct of Referendum		25,000
Education for Self-Government		50,000
TOTALS	135,000	992,000