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HONOLULU MEETINGS - 17-23 MARCH 1974

A. Place: 39 Makalapa

B. Participants:

Ambassador F. Haydn Williams
Captain Richard Y. Scott, USN - (OMSN)
Mr. James Berg - (DOTA)
Miss Mary Vance Trent - (Status LNO)
Commander Robert Westlake, USN - (Special Asst, CINCPACREP-TTPI)
High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston - (TTPI)
Mr. Emmett Rice - (TTPI)
Senator Edward DLG Pangelinan - (Marianas)
District Legislature President Vicente Santos - (Marianas)
District Administrator Francisco Ada - (Marianas)
Mr. Thomas Sheehan - (Staff, Marianas District Administration)
Mr. Bernard Dove - (HQ, USAF)
Colonel William R. Kenty - (USAF, JCS)

C. Purpose:

To discuss the impact of status talks on the Mariana Islands. *Administration economic development*

D. Objectives:

To engender a spirit of cooperation among all responsible parties associated with and working toward the establishment of the Mariana Islands District as a Commonwealth of the United States. To this end, the following sub-objectives pertain:

1. Draft an announcement (joint or unilateral by HICOM or DISTAD) on easing the restrictions on Tinian homesteading. *broader statement*
2. Reach agreement on dates and agenda for the next session of Marianas Political Status Talks and issue a joint communique to this effect.
3. Reach an understanding with the HICOM and DISTAD regarding their active support of the separate Marianas talks and for their cooperation and participation in Transition Phase activities.

E. Agenda

1. Discussions with Mary Vance Trent and CDR Westlake.
 - a. Tinian Referendum

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- (1) Current status
- (2) If held, assessment of outcome
- (3) Press reaction
 - (a) Any statements, implied or outright, that U.S. interfered.
- (4) Dove/Kenty mission in late March
- (5)

b. Tinian Moratorium

- (1) General review
- (2) Assessment of local Tinianese feelings
- (3) Next steps by U.S. - recommendations
- (4) Military survey capability in area (COMNAVMAR, Anderson AFB)

c. Purchase of Tinian produce by military.

d. Mary Vance Trent's assessment of

(1) Mariana Islands Congressional Delegation's actions during recent COM session.

(2) District Legislature actions during recent session.

e. Civic Action Team for Marianas.

2. Discussions with Senator Pangelinan/President Santos

a. General review of negotiations to date and assessment of situation.

b. Developments in COM during recent session and Marianas Congressional Delegation's reaction to

(1) Land legislation.

(2) Constitutional Convention Bill

- (3) Tinian moratorium resolution
 - (4) Reapportionment
 - (5) Revenue sharing
 - (6) Micronesian unity.
- c. Developments during recent Marianas District Legislature Session
- (1) Views on TTPI Program of Education for Self-government
 - (2) Funding from COM
 - (3) Revenues available to MDL
 - (4) Creation of legal land entity; action on
- d. MPSC activities/action related to:
- (1) informing the Marianas people on results of Third Session.
 - (2) Tinian referendum.
 - (3) Tinian moratorium
 - (4) TTPI Program of Education for Self-Government
- e. Role of Commission Counsel (Willens & Leonard)
- (1) Quality of advice
 - (2) Relations with U.S. Congress
 - (3) Sovereignty issue.
- f. Establishment of Joint Civil/Military Community Relations Committee on Tinian:
- (1) Consideration of joint announcement of creation of committee.
 - (2) Terms of reference.
- g. Review of spring timetable:
- (1) Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - (2) Requirement for additional meetings in Washington.
- h. Next steps in negotiations:
- (1) Obtain MPSC views on draft covenant.
 - (2) Action on Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations for Phase I.
 - (3) Review U.S. condition on U.S. minimum land requirements as requisite to concluding an agreement.

- (4) Review U.S. position on finance.
 - (5) Separate administration of Marianas:
 - (a) Action by MDL
 - (b) Action by U.S.
 - (c) Participation in election of delegates to Micronesian Constitutional Convention.
 - (6) Use of name "Northern Marianas".
 - i. Marianas Session IV. *(The session was held on 10/10/68)*
 - (1) When
 - (a) MPSC Financial Condition
 - 1 MDL appropriation
 - 2 Possible U.S. assistance
 - (2) Where
 - (a) U.S. prepared to come to Saipan
 - (3) Duration
 - j. Memorial Park in Saipan.
 - k. Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Farallon de Medinilla
 - l. Relations with Guam.
3. Discussion with HICOM, Emmett Rice
 - a. Economic and Social infrastructure planning in Marianas
 - (1) Views of physical planning requirements
 - b. Land legislation:
 - (1) Next steps in view of COM actions/inactions
 - (a) Secretarial Order
 - (b) Special Session of COM.
 - c. Tinian
 - (1) Referendum
 - (2) Moratorium
 - (a) Survey crew augmentation
 - (b) Easing restrictions on homesteads.

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(3) Establishment of Joint Civil/Military Community Relations Committee.

(4) Opening new lands on Tinian

(5) Leasing irrigated land

(6) Zoning.

d. Impact on HICOM of Presidential Instructions and decision to negotiate separately with Mariana Islands:

(1) five districts versus six.

(2) Separate administration

(3) Marianas participation in constitutional convention

(4) TTPI cooperation and assistance to Marianas during transition phase.

4. Discussions with DISTAD Ada and District Planner Sheehan:

a. Economic and Social infrastructure planning in Marianas:

(1) Need for physical planning

b. Moratorium on Tinian

(1) Plans for survey teams on Tinian

(2) Status of processing homestead applications

c. Tinian Referendum - DISTAD's views.

d. Reinstitution of Civic Action Teams in Marianas. (with HICOM)

e. Constitutional Convention; election/appointment of delegates.

f. District cooperation and assistance to Marianas during transition phase.

F. Schedule of Events

17 March

~~Monday~~ Sunday

- 1115 Arrive Honolulu, proceed to 39 Makalapa
- 1600 Meet with Mary Vance Trent and CDR Westlake in quarters
- 1900 Dinner with Trent and Westlake
- 2000 Continue discussions with Trent and Westlake

18 March

~~Monday~~ Monday

- 1000 Meeting with Senator Pangelinan and Santos
- 1230 Lunch in quarters
- 1330 Resume discussions
- 1900 Dinner with Pangelinan and Santos

19 March

~~Monday~~ Tuesday

- 0930 Resume discussions with Pangelinan and Santos
- 1230 Working lunch in quarters
- 1330 Resume discussions
- 1600 Meet with HICOM
- 1900 Dinner with Pangelinan, Santos, Ada and HICOM.

20 March

~~Monday~~ Wednesday

- 0900 Meeting with HICOM and Rice
- 1230 Working lunch in quarters
- 1330 Meeting with Ada and Sheehan
- 1900 Dinner

21 March

~~Monday~~ Thursday

- 0900 Meeting with Emmett Rice
- 1030 Meeting with HICOM, Rice, Ada and Sheehan
- 1230 Working lunch in quarters - HICOM, Rice, Ada, Sheehan Pangelinan and Santos

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21 March (Con't)

1330 Joint meeting with luncheon guests

1900 Dinner (hosted by _____).

22 March

Friday

0900 Continuation of meetings as required. Drafting session for joint announcements/communiques

1230 Lunch

1330 Meeting with Mr. Griffen ^{and Mr. Simpson} for backgrounder

1500 Wrap-up

1900 Dinner with

23 March

Saturday

0900 Meeting with Mr. Dove and Colonel Kenty

1230 Lunch

1330 Open

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