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1. Tinian Referendum

- DISTAD disapproved
- What are chances a local "straw vote" will take place on same question?
  - If vote taken, assessment of outcome
- Review of press treatment and public reaction to DISTAD's cancellation
- Dove/Kenty mission in late March
  - 25 March Saipan
  - 26-28 March Tinian
  - 29 March Saipan

2. Tinian Moratorium

- Review history
- Status of pre-8 May 1973 homestead applications
  - Village - 15 on file: indications that permits may be issued soon.
  - 83 agricultural applications recorded as of 8 May 73. Today, number is 99, indicating predating on 16 applications filed after 8 May.
- Survey capability in District inadequate
  - Main reason for hold up in fully processing applications
  - No relief in sight - requires outside help
- Impact of Moratorium

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- Emotional Issue - HJR No. 88
- Effect of speeding up processing of pre-8 May applications
- Considerations to lifting or easing moratorium
  - Our responsibility to U.S. Congress
  - Appearance of yielding to HJR No. 88
  - Village relocation site not identified nor limits of safety arc determined
  - Ken Jones' lease
  - Exchange of private land in northern 2/3 for equally suitable sites in southern 1/3
- Recommendations
  - Issue pre-8 May village homestead permits, with certain exceptions (see also (2))
  - Shorten waiting period for pre-8 May applicants. (see also (2))
  - Speed up survey effort
  - Offer to exchange land in northern 2/3 for that in southern 1/3
  - U.S. identify ammo safety arc
  - Minimize impact on Ken Jones' ranch operation
  - Announcement that agriculture homestead applications will be accepted for processing after 15 June 74. ?
- 3. -- Ask Mary for her assessment of Marianas COM Delegation's actions during recent session covering:
  - Land legislation, constitutional convention bill, Tinian Moratorium, foreign investment, JCFS.
- 4. -- Ask for Mary's assessment of Marianas District Legislature winter session
  - Legal entity for accepting public land; funding for MPSC, Tinian resolutions.
- 5. Civic Action Teams
  - Bob Westlake will have information regarding CAT/SEABEES for Tinian, Goat Island.

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