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March 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL KENTY

Subject: Liaison Visit to Marianas and Tinian Island (23-27 March 1974)

During your visit to Saipan/Tinian with the AF Executive Agent, Mr. Dove, your first duty of course is to act as my representative while complimenting and supporting Mr. Dove, particularly in those matters or questions that deal largely with political status. I caution you to keep your efforts on a low-key soft-sell and friendly basis, within the guidelines specified in the Dove memorandum (attached).

In addition, however, there are several matters I would like you to take care of, either during or after the "technical" visit:

- a. Please touch base informally, with Senator Pangelinan, at least on your departure. Bring him up to date, as appropriate, on your activities.
- b. While on Saipan, you might take every appropriate opportunity to advertise the progress to date on the U.S. memorial park.
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- (1) Department of Interior (Mr. Watt) is now having alternative sketches drawn up and is cooperating with DOD in overall park development.
- (2) Defense (with SEABEE Teams) is prepared to begin some cleanup and landscaping as soon as plans can be drawn up and agreed on --- We of course want to discuss such plans with the Marianas Leadership.
- c. While on Tinian, as time permits, there are several appropriate actions you might take that could directly or indirectly assist our negotiating effort:
  - (1) An informal talk with Frank Hocog, during which you can;
    - (a) give him the Asia Foundation books and texts I am sending,
    - (b) solicit his views on status and the moratorium, and
    - (c) offer explanations and assistance, as appropriate, if he should be an active proponent of our position.

- (2) You might seek to identify and informally contact additional youthful pro-U.S. voters or leaders. (We need some youthful proponents to offset the student radicals from Guam.)

  Discuss, if appropriate, the economic advantages to them, of the proposed U.S. presence.
- (3) Please say hello to Herman Manglona.
  - (a) Express a continuing U.S. interest in his views and respect for his opinion. (Dampening Herman Manglona's opposition would be a major plus.)
  - (b) Give Herman my personal greetings.
- (4) Discuss the Moratorium with Joe Cruz; the mayor, and other leaders as appropriate.
  - (a) Get their views.
  - (b) Determine if our (CDR Westlake's) help is adequate.
  - (c) Determine if more help is needed.
- (5) Look into the practicability of improving the small boat docking capability on Goat Island.
- (6) Make an acquaintance with the K. Jones Ranch Manager, if practical.

## d. While on Guam:

- (1) If practical, contact (Bill Tokles) Superintendent of American International Contractors (Contractors for Isely Field). Tell him I asked you to convey my personal regards. Further, if time permits, you might give him a brief general run-down on our overall situation.
- (2) Visit with Admiral Morrison:
  - (a) Brief him on your Saipan/Tinian visit;
  - (b) Inform him of our plans for contacting Ken Jones specifically that you understand that I will request him (Admiral Morrison) to make the initial contact.
    Approach
  - (c) Bring him up to date on current U.S. policy and thinking (we want to work with Jones to keep him there as long as possible, as well as assist and simplify any phase-down or phase-out).

(d) Obtain Admiral Morrison's latest views on the availability of SEABEES for improvements in Tanapag, Tinian and on Goat Island.

Good Luck and God Speed.

Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
for Micronesian Status Negotiations

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