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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.
  - (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 clean-up 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.

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- (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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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BERNARD DOVE

Subject: Liaison Visit to Marianas District Tinian Island  
(23-26 March 1974)

Prior to your upcoming visit to Saipan and Tinian, the nature of which we discussed in detail on 7 March 1974, I remind you of the sensitive nature of the political activities now underway in the Marianas District, particularly Tinian, where the Tinian Municipality is planning a referendum on the desirable extent of a U.S. military presence on the island.

It has been (and is) U.S. policy to refrain from interference in local political activities. However, under the present circumstances the Tinian voters are being asked to express a choice on alternatives, involving critical U.S. interests, about which their information is at best, incomplete. Therefore, U.S. objectives would appear to be best served by a discreet effort to provide these people the most complete and accurate information available at this time, in a manner that does not smack of interference in their political process. In this respect, your mission is very timely and can be most helpful to the U.S. political status negotiating position, subject to the following guidelines:

a. At no time should you attribute a purpose to the visit other than it being a necessary supervisory public relations duty of the Crested Isle Executive Agent.

b. However, feel free to address and discuss appropriate DOD planning for the Tinian base. Please emphasize the tentative nature of any plans involving the Tinian Civil Community (pending later consultations as to their desires) and the flexibility that the U.S. has in the various housing and building designs.

c. Illustrations and explanations of tentative U.S. planning for community development may be distributed and group presentations of this tentative planning may be made, but preferably when the initiative comes from those local groups.

d. Request all talks be kept on a low-key, with a soft-sell presentation of the advantages of the U.S. position.

e. If the opportunity arises, the U.S. may also realize significant political advantage from a review by you of the progress and available results of the various surveys to date, as well as a clear presentation of the next steps in the planning sequence.

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f. You will likely be confronted with a number of questions directly involving political status issues, as well as technical and planning questions that could have an impact on status issues. Where these arise, request you use Colonel Kenty to the maximum extent possible to compliment and support your efforts and to answer appropriate questions. In addition to complimenting your efforts, I have also asked Colonel Kenty to take care of several other status related matters during this trip. Your understanding will be appreciated.

g. In addition, recent developments lead me to believe that it may be politically counter-productive at this time to hold discussions with the MPSC as a group.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your timely assistance and cooperation in this matter, as well as to wish you a productive trip and God's speed.

Sincerely, - not on a memo

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

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