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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MARIANAS AD HOC COMMITTEE FILE

Subject: Telcon with Captain Scott


Captain Scott called on March 26 and reported the following:

1. No date for the next session of negotiations has been established as yet. Ambassador Williams and Chairman Pangelinan will be discussing this matter in mid-April. It looks as though the negotiations will be set for May, perhaps beginning in the second week of that month. There apparently is a possibility that the negotiations will be in Hawaii rather than Saipan.
2. Captain Scott also wanted to know whether I would be available for a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the report. He said that the substance of this matter was discussed with our Chairman in the recent Honolulu meeting but that the U. S. draft report was not shown or given to him. Captain Scott said that the purpose of any meeting would be to view the results of their recent discussion with Professor Wheeler and Marianas District officials, specifically Messrs. Ada and Sheehan. I said that I did not see much point to this, if the United States Delegation had, in fact, firmed up its position regarding transitional planning, but that if the matters were still open for reasoned discussion, I would be glad to participate.

I assured him that I believed that the differences between us were very narrow and that we did not have any particular interest in preparing a completely separate report for our principals on these topics. I said that we much preferred having a joint report, even if a few differences did appear, rather than two separate reports. He said that he basically agreed but indicated that to a considerable extent his hands were tied.

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3. I left it that we would talk again by phone next week and perhaps schedule a meeting for Friday, April 5, if it seemed useful.

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