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MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD WILLENS

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Thoughts on the Marianas

1. I thought that Jim Leonard was right when he said at the meeting last Thursday with the United States that it was important to train citizens of the Marianas in local government rather than in federal government administration. Apparently the United States cannot provide that sort of training, at least in the immediate future. I wonder whether foundations with whom you have spoken about financing the negotiations would be willing to provide funds for the training of citizens of the Marianas in local government in the United States. If you think this is a realistic possibility, perhaps we or the chairman ought to make the necessary contacts shortly (though it could probably wait until after the next round of negotiations) so that arrangements with the foundations and with local governments can be made, and the selected citizens get a year of useful experience before the end of Phase I.

2. Have you had an opportunity to discuss with Arnold Liebowitz the state of the Guam negotiations? The Pacific Daily News reports that the MPSC has recently met with the Guam legislature's status commission to discuss matters of mutual concern.

3. Perhaps we could make some progress in the working group of lawyers without having a meeting: what would happen if you sent a letter to Brewster Chapman, stating that since you had not heard from him you assume that the United States is agreeable to the eminent domain position put forth at the last round of negotiations?

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