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THE PUBLIC LANDS NOW HELD IN TRUST BY THE UNITED STATES AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO LOCAL MARIANAN CONTROL TO BE HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS; THE COVENANT PROTECTS ALL LANDS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AGAINST ALIENATION, SINCE UNDER ITS TERMS OWNERSHIP OF LAND WILL BE LIMITED FOR THE FIRST 25 YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE NEW COMMONWEALTH, TO THOSE OF MARIANAN ANCESTRY ONLY, THE CHAMORROS AND THE CAROLINIANS.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE COVENANT THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE LEASEHOLD RIGHTS FOR 20 YEARS RENEWABLE FOR ANOTHER 50 YEARS FOR THE USE OF A SMALL UNINHABITED ISLAND, PARALCON DE MEDINILLA, FOR AERIAL BOMBING AND SHIP-TO-SHORE GUNNERY PRACTICE. IT WILL ALSO HAVE THE SAME LEASEHOLD RIGHTS TO 177 ACRES IN THE TANAPAG HARBOR AREA ON SAIPAN FOR USE IN THE EVENT OF SOME FUTURE MILITARY CONTINGENCY. IN THE MEANTIME 44 ACRES OF THIS LAND WILL BE LEASED BACK TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR CIVILIAN HARBOR-RELATED ACTIVITIES. THE REMAINDER OF THE LAND WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A PUBLIC PARK AS AN AMERICAN MEMORIAL TO THOSE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE MARIANAS CAMPAIGN OF 1944.

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THE APPROVED COVENANT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE LONG-TERM LEASE OF SOME 18,700 ACRES ON TINIAN ISLAND BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AT PRESENT THERE IS NO PLAN TO BUILD ANY MILITARY BASE OR TO STATION ANY UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNE

ON TINIAN. THE ONLY PLANNED USE OF THE LEASED LAND IS FOR THE OCCASIONAL JOINT SERVICE AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES DESIGNED TO KEEP US FORWARD MOBILE FORCES AT A HIGH STATE OF COMBAT READINESS AND TO REHABILITATE THE HARBOR AND AIRFIELD ON TINIAN WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIAN USE, ALSO LARGE AREAS OF THE BEST AGRICULTURAL LAND ON THE MILITARY RESERVATION WILL BE LEASED BACK AT NOMINAL SUM FOR CONTINUED AND EXPANDED AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. THESE NON-MILITARY USES OF LANDS MAY BE TERMINATED IN CASE OF FUTURE MILITARY NEEDS. THE UNITED STATES WILL PAY A TOTAL OF \$19,520,600 FOR THE 50-YEAR LEASE (RENEWABLE FOR ANOTHER 50-YEAR PERIOD) FOR ALL OF THE LAND ON TINIAN, SAIPAN AND FARALLON DE MEDINILLA TO BE USED NOW BY US FORCES OR HELD FOR USE IN FUTURE CONTINGENCIES.

UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE US CONGRESS, THE MARIANAS WILL BE FULLY SEPARATED ADMINISTRATIVELY FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, HOWEVER, WILL REMAIN UNDER TRUSTEESHIP STATUS UNTIL THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR ALL OF MICRONESIA IS TERMINATED AFTER THE OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE EXERCISED THEIR RIGHTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND HAVE FREELY CHOSEN THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS TO THIS END HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING, BUT MAY NOW BE SET ASIDE UNTIL AFTER THE FORTHCOMING MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO BE CONVENED THIS SUMMER. THE CONVENTION WILL ADDRESS THE CENTRAL QUESTION OF FUTURE INTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE CAROLINE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHICH MAKE UP THE REMAINDER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

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