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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA) ROBERT ELLSWORTH

FROM SENATOR GARY HART ON TECHNICAL AGREEMENT

RELATED TO H.J.R. 549 AND USE OF LAND

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1. Senator Hertz (on Technical Agreement). U.S. will pay all Title II benefits under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. How much will these be?

Mr. Ellsworth, at the present time areas to be acquired for defense purposes are uninhabited. It is contemplated that the new government of the Northern Marianas will extinguish all property rights of private land owners within these areas primarily by exchange for public lands on Tinian and Saipan. The relocation, resettlement benefits would be minimal. A very rough estimate would be 50-75 thousand dollars.

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4. Senator Hart (on technical Agreement). U.S. will provide planning and technical ~~advice~~ for Saipan harbor. How much will this cost?

Mr. Ellsworth, The only planning to be provided by the Department of Defense on Saipan harbor will be that related to minimum rehabilitation of port facilities for military purposes. Funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 for this planning effort and planning for minimal upgrading of the airfield on Tinian are in the DoD MILCON appropriation for FY 1976. Any planning for civil use of the harbor would ordinarily be the responsibility of the Marianas' District Government; however, the DoD could consider future cost sharing proposals if the harbor planning had military applications.

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1. Senator Hart (on technical agreement). What happens if the U.S. does not take up the land lease option? Do we have to pay if we do not?

Mr. Ellsworth. The technical agreement regarding use of the land to be leased by the United States in the Northern Marianas provides that "should payment not be made within five years from the date that Section 802 and 803 of the Covenant come into force then this agreement will terminate and both parties will be released from all liabilities created by this agreement and Section 802 and 803 of the Covenant."

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