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MEMORANDUM FOR THE GENERAL COUNSEL

1 Nov 77

Deanne

-In meeting with Tresch and I&L officials at 2:00 today, we have done the following on the Northern Marianas:

-identified some of the lands which may be wanted by the Navy; we must now have Navy assurance they want them;

-determined that Mr. Roche will write letter out of MR&A for Sec/Def to sign to Andrus. Letter will indicate:

-no present intantion to exercise options on the N.M.

-possible negotiation apart from Covenant to do so, for less land, less cash, shorter term of occupancy;

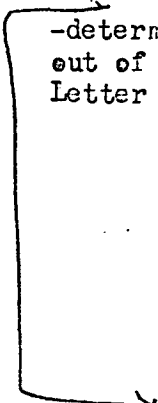
-no intention to rehabilitate the harbor

-decided that E Tresch - I&L - and I would meet with Interior folks to iron out common understanding generally about all of this.

-decided we would move ahead with other instruments after Interior meeting (this week -)

Safety the
Covenant
requirements.

Why is this needed?
Doesn't have anything to do with our responsibility under the Covenant to turn back lands to Marianas.
Suggest we wait on future plans.



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