

MEMO

TO: Legal Team

FROM: Jose S. Dela Cruz

SUBJECT: Delegate Benjamin T. Manglona's Suggested Proposals

DATE: June 12, 1995

This morning (06/12/95), Delegate Benjamin Manglona brought up several possible proposals for the legal team's consideration.

1. He wants the restriction on land alienation extended beyond the 25 year period noted in the Covenant.
2. He wants to strengthen and clarify Article XII so that attorneys and others would not circumvent its purpose, i.e. limit ownership of land to persons of Northern Marianas descent. Further, he wants it clarified that only 55 year leases are permitted; and that renewals beyond that term are prohibited.
3. Starting with the proposition that submerged lands off the coast of the Commonwealth belong to the Commonwealth, he wants Article XI, Section 1. amended so that the clause which reads: "to which the Commonwealth now or hereafter may have a claim of ownership," should instead read that such submerged land in fact belongs to the Commonwealth.
4. He wants the clause in Article XI, Section 2, which reads "as provided by law" amended to read "as provided by local law."