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MEETING WITH PANGELINAN
AND SANTOS

April 30, 1974
Continental Hotel, Guam

OPENING REMARKS

FHW: - Scheduled meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Pangelinan & Santos Tuesday A.M. & Afternoon & Wednesday
- Ada Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Santos: Going home tomorrow at 6:30 A.M. (He changed his mind - JMW).

FHW: - Recalls Honolulu meetings in March.

- Suggests agenda for current discussions as follows:

- Where things stand here.
- Where things stand in D.C.
- Carmel talks (results).
- Where do we do from here?
- Separatism

Santos: - MDL (hold-over Committee) met on separatism; must still call on DISTAD for his views.

- Members disgusted with handling of Constitutional Convention. Result is people are confused.

- Agree that best thing is separate administration - but not total separation. Should be limited to:

- Status.
- Land.
- Finance.

- Regular meeting of MDL in August. DISTAD must call special session if it is to meet earlier.



- Santos: - Don't know. Popular Party will support it and some Territorials do as well but we don't know how many. Think it will carry.
- Pang: - MPSC wants to discuss it internally and then take the initiative in order to get better support in MDL.
- FHW: - Put it on Marianas IV agenda only at Marianas request.
- Don't want to mix status and separate administration.
 - Willens negotiating with Interior on Secretarial powers, and this will not do since that is not a matter for negotiation.
- Pang: - Need to know U.S. thinking on this.
- JMW: - Timing problem becoming acute with Constitutional Convention delegates to be elected on June 4.
- Pang: - Marianas have no choice - Popular Party has made an effort to select the best possible candidates as delegates: M. Pangelinan, Joe Cruz, Dr. Comacho and Cabrera.
- FHW: - Situation is certainly confusing to everyone.
- Is there some action Marianas can take to straighten this out?
- Pang: - Representatives will tell Constitutional Convention Marianas are negotiating their own separate status.
- Santos: - MDL met for five days without MPSC action.
- Pang: - MDL needs MPSC position.
- Santos: - Best to have concurrence of MPSC.
- JMW: - But would Marianas participate in Constitutional Convention elections not withstanding?
- Pang: - Yes.
- FHW: - This is confusing to everyone - Constituents must be confused.

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Conclusion: - MISSED AND BEING confusing it.

- Ada doesn't want separate administration.
- Let Secretary of the Interior act by special order.
- HICOM should not have signed Constitutional Convention Bill.
- MDL can get 3/4 majority vote for separatism.
- Pangelinan and Guerrero's continued participation in Joint Committee confuses people.

FHW: - Others in Micronesia are also working against separate status for the Marianas. Marianas' leadership vacillating in people's eyes. Marshalls not so.

Pang: - Many people very concerned on this.

- Wonder if Secretary of the Interior will take action.
- Want to know what kind of arrangement will result, and MSC needs to consider this.
- Many people want status quo.

FHW: - Will be criticized now by media and others if we act just before election - too long procrastination.

- Let's put off further examination until afternoon discussion.

JOINT CIVILIAN MILITARY COMMITTEE

FHW: - What about letter to Ada on Joint Civilian/Military Committee?

Pang: - Post Honolulu meeting of MPSC supported move.

- But no response from Ada on Joint Civilian/Military letter.
- Review board on land question going ahead, but Ada hasn't called meeting of land group.

FHW: - Ada has the ball on land, but ball in MPSC court on Joint Civilian/Military Committee.

- On civilian/military committee need Administration support.
- Mixed membership needed.
- U.S. already moving ahead on agricultural products for U.S. military.

Pang: - Who is going to be U.S. representative?

FHW: - MVT and Westlake - (Said so in letter to Ada).

- Dinner with MVT and Westlake this evening to explore joint committee idea more fully.

- FHW & JMW will meet meanwhile with Ada. All three will then meet together tomorrow.

- Need to consider other items as well.

- Joint use of harbor.

- Joint use of airfield.

- What about offices on Tinian and Rota?

Pang: - All set, but no money.

- Houses lined up on Tinian and Rota.

FHW: - Need place where people can go to get information.

- How much money is needed?

Pang: - \$50 per month for rental.

FHW: - What about political situation on Tinian? What is being done about loose talk like loading them out on cattle cars?

Pang: - People do not want it if it means 2/3 of island.

FHW: - What about lies regarding forcible move from village.

Santos: - Americans are paying lawyers. Tinianese can't afford \$90 per hour.

- Received telephone call saying MDC supporting lawyers.

- MDC also represented by same law firm.

- Joe Screen also arguing against commonwealth.

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- FHW: - People on Tinian seem to feel it is all their island.
- Pang: - MPSC will decide this, not people of Tinian.
- FHW: - U.S. modified position out of sympathy for peoples' feelings.
 - People should be allowed to choose for or against relocation of village, but not to decide other matters.
- Pang: - Cooperative effort from both U.S. & MPSC necessary.
- FHW: - MPSC didn't encourage U.S. to do this in December.
- Pang: - This was a misunderstanding. MPSC wanted to go in first with public meetings but since December U.S. has been free to go in on its own.
 - Can't stop Manglona and Co. - They are Ken Jones' stooges.
- Santos: - Herman a good guy but a stooge and otherwise naive. MPSC should have made its decision last year.
- FHW: - Agree too much time given to opposition to mobilize its forces.
- Santos: - People are confused when they are told that agreement has been reached but then political education program tells nothing further about it and instead goes into history, alternatives, etc.
 - Willing to make U.S. a personal gift of property he bought in northern 2/3 of Tinian (4.7 hectares for \$11,000) but willing to give it up.

JCFS ACTIVITIES

- FHW & JMW - Present run-down on Washington and Carmel developments.
- Pang: - Guerrero attended JCFS meeting in Guam and said Committee pressing to keep Marshalls in.
- FHW: - JCFS worried by Marshalls and Marianas.



- Governmental negotiations dragging on too long.

Santos: - MDL feels that way also about Marianas.

Pang: - Everyone wants to get going on new system of government.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

FHW: - What about Ad Hoc Committee report?

Pang: - MPSC cannot act until Monday; personally feel it is O.K.

FHW: - Concurring Willens/Leonard statement needs comment. U.S. feels extra costs excessive and unnecessary. Takes note of separate statement, but feels studies may not be as costly as predicted.

- Would like communication for Pangelinan on Ad Hoc report after meeting.

- Should be handled outside Marianas IV before it starts.

Don't want it to take up time.

Pang: - Fact that Willens, etc., approved it is a good omen.

FHW: - Amounts considered very generous in Washington.

- Next steps with Congress and OMB.

Pang: - Need job description for #1 guy on Secretariat.

FHW: - Will provide one.

- Money on the way for Ad Hoc Committee

- \$15,000 done

- Another \$15,000 on the way.

- Have asked for \$5,000 more for political education and offices on Tinian and Rota and that now approved.

Pang: - Restrictions on Use?

FHW: - \$5,000 for political education and offices on Tinian and Rota.

- Rest for preparing for Marianas IV, including ad hoc committee, but not for travel to Hawaii for whole commission but Pangelinan and Santos travel to Hawaii for March meetings on Ad Hoc Committee

O.K:

1000 - view program detailed for political education from DISTRICT.

PHW: - Will talk to Ada.

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