

Marianas Meeting - Second Session - October 27, 1974
9:30 a.m.

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- HW: - Review of yesterday.
- Marianas V.
- Wind up before end of calendar year '74.
- EP: - Agree.
- HW: -Items to be accomplished before Marianas V.
- Draft Agreement to be completed.
- Land wind-up.
- Counter offer.
- Remaining items.
- JW: - Review of provisions of Draft Agreement (See separate paper).
- EP - Name.
- JW: - Principles.
- EP: - See Section 904(c).
- JW: -Problem with Guam and Puerto Rico as well.
- HW: - Land Report.
- Wait for counter offer.
- Decide method of acquisition after price.
- HW: - Marianas V.
- EP: - Place - Saipan.
- HW: - Public meetings on Tinian and Rota again.
- EP: OK dates open.



- HW: - Loose first two weeks in November with elections.
- Drafting Committee continue work.
- Precook issues before Marianas V - Washington.
- Also need to talk transition arrangements.f
- MPSC counsel in Washington.
- Target November 18, in Washington for preliminary?
- Week of November 25 - Internal Marianas consultations.
- Marianas V - begins December 2.
- EP: - OK.
- HW: - Washington meeting may not be necessary.
- Need to give whole thing top priority.
- Historic event - need open plenary.
- Need to plan press contacts in advance.
- EP: - The Mount Garmel for opening plenary.
- HW: - TV coverage - forum, spokesmen, etc. to gain more visibility.
- EP: - Historic summary of what has happened from Marianas I to Marianas V.
- HW: - Mary Vance Trent doing it now.
- HW: - Transition planning.
- Phase I starts when? Signature or separate administration.
- EP: - Plebescite too late.
- Need money for planning.
- Planning for separate administration.
- HW: - First real opportunity to start Phase I. formally, would be like after MDL approves agreement.
- Otherwise open to railroading criticism.
- Preliminary funding might be made available.

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- Also opportunity to organize and recruit. Secretariat and Commission.
- When does political education begin?
 - EP: - Already begun; but official opening after MDL acts on agreements.
 - HW: - OK, put jointly with U.S.
 - Can MDL move session up to January?
 - VS: - Moving for five days special session. Can meet right after New Year on status.
 - HW: - Timing of plebescite.
 - EP: - Need 4-5 months for political education.
 - HW: - Too long - 3 months?
 - New U.N. participation.
 - EP: - 3 months too short for U.N.?
 - HW: - Dont care. Need plebescite and separate administration before regular session of U.N. Trusteeship Council.
 - HW: - Summarize
 - More thought on transition planning needed.
 - Political education should be continuous and going on now.
 - Phase I will begin formally after MDL acts.
 - EP: - Political education for plebescite only after MDL approval; general political education now.
 - HW: - OK.
 - Capitol relocation needs to start early.
 - EP: - Need OMSN fellow to work with MPSC on political education.
 - HW: - Think about it.
- LUNCH
- HW: - Political Education planning
 - What is with present political education program?

- EP: - Confusing
- No one understands it.
 - Dying moments.
- Office in District with nominal responsibility.
- Moratita in charge but doing little.
- VS: - "Dialogue" program.
- Can't understand it.
- EP: Not accurate or fair on subject of commonwealth.
- People won't understand it.
- HW: - Has MPSC asked for chance to review materials?
- EP: - No. Need grass roots material.
- HW: - What has MPSC done on Rota and Tinian?
- EP: - Manglona and Joe Cruz.
- HW: - How is \$5TT to be used?
- EP: - Looking for advise from locals.
- Proposal for regular weekly public meetings.
 - Material, fims.
- HW:- - Fims expensive.
- Where should responsibility be for political education in Marianas?
- EP: - With MPSC, as authorized by law. Up to MPSC to bring in people from DISTAD.
- HW: - MPSC in policy; who executive?
- What of DISTAD?
- EP: - Terminate TT HQ responsibility and give to District.
- HW: - USG role?
- EP: - Information dissemination.
- Need to work in Chamorro.

- HW: - Trouble with competition between TT and DISTAD progs
- What of choice between free association and commonwealth?
(EP quoted by Salii)
 - What should be choices or ballot?
- VS: - Yes/no on commonwealth, just like JCFS yes/no on free association.
- HW: - Problem with free choice and desire to have alternatives to vote for.
- Alternatives clear on yes/no if no's take it.
- EP: - No problem with 4 choices.
- HW: - Need to give much more thought to this.
- N.Y. talks: yes/no with clear alternatives on no.
 - Items for November informal discussion.
 - Need to Joint effort after MDL approves agreements.
- EP: - Need date for plebescite-MDL must enact legislation.
- HW: - U.S. decides dates - MDL can confirm.
- HW: - Need to prepare papers for November meeting.
- EP: - OK.
- HW: - Part V - looking ahead.
- Marianas V December 2, 1974.
- EP: - OK
- HW: - MDL Speicial Session in first 1/2 January on Agreement.
- VS: - OK need to check out.
- HW: - Plebescite before mid-May.with 90 day intensive political education program before that.
- EP: - OK.
- HW: - Next separation administration.
- EP&VS:- OK will need standby Secretarial Order and separate administration group.

HW: - As much continuity as possible on separate administration - real change when new government comes in year later.

- Separate administration to follow plebescite as soon as desirable and feasible, but before Trusteeship Council.

EP: - OK.

HW: As soon as possible after plebescite Agreement will go to Congress (US) (June 1975).

- How about Marianas Constitution Convention Sep/Oct '75?

- Referendum - Spring '76 ?

- New Government (July) Marianas?

- Give it more thought.

EP: - OK - Discussing something very exciting here.

HW: - Who to head transition Sec? Liaison O?

EP: - Job description.

HW: - Preliminary only - Who in mind?

EP: - Juan Sablan Shoda Pete dela Cruz Manny Sablan
 Nemar Tenero Pete Tenorio

- O. Borja - 2 young lawyers - Joe Cruz. JC Boga

- Tony Tenorio, but an American

- Tenorio nephew.

- Midge Pangelinan

- Frank Ada.

- Dave Sablan

HW: - for secretariat?

EP: - Rent - no government facilities available.

HW: - Relocation Capitol.

EP: - Someone else should take initiative.

- Sensitive issue on Hill

- Problem of Marianas employees.

HW: - Review.

EP: - Statement to Press.

HW: - OK but not joint.

