

No formal meetings of the Land Titles Investigating Commission were held during the period, but persons claiming ownership of land were given land-use privileges, pending final adjudication of title. Those persons whose private land is occupied by military installations were, upon presentation of reasonable proof, allotted the use of government land areas as nearly equal in size as was their original property.

The process of restoring original owners to their land is practically completed, with the previous occupants having been granted the use of land in other areas.

Receipt of Commander Marianas serial 13615 dated 12 June 1947 with enclosures, regarding the former property of Nanyo Kohatsu and with Island Commander, Saipan's endorsement directing that land transfer be held in abeyance until a Property Custodian is appointed, has resulted in an impasse concerning the allotment of what was previously considered government land.

If said land is to be considered as private property, the Military Government Unit has no apparent authority to grant occupancy to others than the owners, except for military purposes, under present regulations, making it necessary to await further decisions and developments in regard to said property.

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Final action on this matter is awaited, although local reports from former Nanyo Kohatsu Kaisha are at considerable variance with the opinion of the Japanese government as to the relationship of the Nanyo Kohatsu Kaisha and the Imperial Japanese Government.