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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Office of the High Commissioner, Saipan

TO : High Commissioner
THRU : Attorney General
FROM : Acting Chief of Lands

DATE: 2/2/81
Serial: L30009
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SUBJECT: Confirmation Deed for Rota

Attached are two originals and four duplicate originals of the proposed deed.

By routing this memorandum through the Office of the Attorney General, it is requested that the deed be reviewed as to legal form, and if found acceptable that they be signed by the Attorney General as Alien Property Custodian. We request that the document then be forwarded to the High Commissioner for execution on behalf of the Trust Territory Government.

Please return all copies of the executed deed to this Division for further action. Call Ermas at 9340 or 9350 to pick them.

E. Ngiraelbaed
Ermas Ngiraelbaed

Enclosures

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Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio
Executive Director
Marianas Public Land Corporation
P.O. Box 380
Saipan, CM 96950

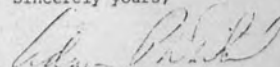
Dear Mr. Tenorio:

Enclosed are two originals and four duplicate originals of the confirmation deed which transfers title of all public and alien lands on Rota to the Resident Commissioner of the Northern Mariana Islands. To supplement the deed, we have prepared Exhibit A (1:2000 reproduction of the cadastral parcel index ... 43 map sheets) and Exhibit B (public and alien lands description ... computer printout), as attached.

The Trust Territory Government is prepared to execute a confirmation deed for all the marine areas as soon as the Commonwealth Government's direction on transfer and vesting of title is received. As you are aware, this was mentioned in my letter of August 9, 1979 (copy attached).

An acknowledging statement is provided below. Please return one signed copy for our files.

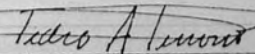
Sincerely yours,


Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

Enclosures:

1. Confirmation deed (2 originals & 4 duplicate originals)
2. Exhibit A (1 set original & 2 sets blue line copies)
3. Exhibit B (1 set original & 2 sets duplicate copies)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the document as enclosed for Marianas Public Land Corporation.


Name & Signature

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Title

FEB. 6, 1981
Date

cc: Lands & Survey, D/NR, Office of the Governor, NMI

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this 4TH day of February, 1981, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title to public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the separate governmental entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

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Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on Rota Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:2000 scale reproduction of the Rota Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of forty-three (43) sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the Rota Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of 7,277.73 hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on Rota Island.

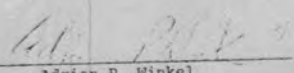
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 4th day of February, 1981.


Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

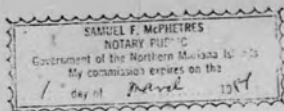
Northern Mariana Islands

On this 4th day of February, 1981 before me appeared Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

4th day of February, 1981.



Samuel F. McPhetres
Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 3rd day of February, 1981.

Daniel J. High
Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this 3rd day of February, 1981 before me appeared Daniel J. High, Alien Property Custodian for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

3rd day of February, 1981.

Gloria M. Sine
Notary Public
GLORIA M. SINE
Notary Public

Government of the Northern Mariana Islands
My Commission expires on the
15th day of December 19 82

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands

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CONFIRMATION DEED

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THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this _____ day of _____, 1979, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title to public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the separate governmental entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order No. 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on ^{ROTA} ~~Seipan~~ Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), ~~including Manganaha Island,~~ Isleta Maigo Lusu and Isleta Maigo Fohang, as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:4000 scale reproduction of the ^{ROTA} ~~Seipan~~ Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of ^{forty-three (43)} ~~sixty-four (64)~~ sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the ^{ROTA} ~~Seipan~~ Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of ^{ROTA} ~~2141.30~~ hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on ^{ROTA} ~~Seipan~~ Island.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979, ⁸⁰ 81

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this _____ day of _____, 1979, before me appeared Adrian Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

_____ day of _____, 1979. ~~8/~~ 8/

Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979. ~~8/~~ 8/

Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

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_____ day of _____, 1979. ~~8/~~ 8/

Notary Public

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this 5th day of September, 1980, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title to public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

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NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on Tinian Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:2000 scale reproduction of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of fifty-four (54) sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of 9,581.33 hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on Tinian Island.

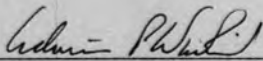
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 8th day of November, 1980.


Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

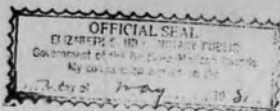
Northern Mariana Islands

On this 10th day of November, 1980 before me appeared Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that
he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free
act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

10th day of November, 1980.



Elizabeth R. Ivan
Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation
Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 6th day
of November, 1980.

Seen & Recorded: Book 8 Page 61
this 10 day of Nov.
19 80 at 10:12 a.m.
[Signature]
Clerk of Courts
Northern Mariana Islands
#5753

Daniel J. High
Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Registered this 3rd day of December
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Susupe, Saipan.

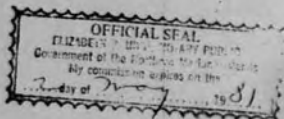
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Northern Mariana Islands

On this 7 day of November, 1980 before me
appeared Daniel J. High, Alien Property Custodian for the Trust
Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name
is subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that
he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free
act and deed.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

7 day of November, 1980.



Elizabeth R. Ivan
Notary Public



Marianas Public Land Corporation

P.O. Box 380
Saipan, CM 96950

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October 21, 1980

Mr. Kozo Yamada OCT. 22 1980
Bureau of Resources
Development Services Department
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Yamada:

RE: CONFIRMATION DEEDS FOR ROTA AND TINIAN

Over the last few months, MPLC was informed by employees in the T.T. Lands Division that the confirmation deeds for Rota and Tinian have been in the process of completion, for execution by the High Commissioner and the Attorney General, as Alien Property Custodian. Please advise us when will the deeds be executed and delivered to MPLC.

Your kind assistance is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Jose S. Dela Cruz
Jose S. Dela Cruz
Legal Counsel

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6th Floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan

Phone: 6914/6915

AK read. 10/22/80 1:00 PM.



TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

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NOV. 21 1980

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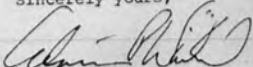
Dear Mr. Tenorio:

Enclosed please find a confirmation deed which transfers title of all public and alien lands on Tinian to the Resident Commissioner of the Northern Mariana Islands. To supplement the deed, we have prepared Exhibit A (1:2000 reproduction of the cadastral parcel index ... 54 map sheets) and Exhibit B (public and alien lands description ... computer printout), as attached.

We expect to transmit the deed for Rota Island early next year upon completion of maps and descriptions.

An acknowledging statement is provided below. Please sign and return one copy for our records.

Sincerely yours,


Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

Enclosures:

1. Confirmation deed (2 originals & 4 duplicate originals)
2. Exhibit A (1 set original & 2 sets blue line copies)
3. Exhibit B (1 set original & 2 sets duplicate copies)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the document as enclosed for Marianas Public Land Corporation.

<i>Rec'd by</i> <u>Pedro A. Tenorio</u>	<u>Exec. Dir.</u>	<u>12/2/80</u>
Name & Signature	Title	Date

cc: Lands & Surveys, D/NR, Office of the Governor, CNMI

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Office of the High Commissioner, Saipan

NOV. 1980
TO : High Commissioner
THRU : Attorney General
FROM : Acting Administrator, Dept. of Dev. Services

DATE: 11/5/80
Serial: L20093
File: 178.88.2

SUBJECT: Confirmation deed for Tinian Island

Attached are two originals and four duplicate originals of the subject deed.

The deed format has been reviewed by the legal counsel of the Marianas Public Land Corporation on Oct. 29, 1980, and it follows the typical form used in the "confirmation deed" of Saipan Island which was executed on Aug. 9, 1979.

It is requested that the deed be reviewed as to legal form and if found acceptable that it be executed by the Alien Property Custodian and High Commissioner on behalf of the Trust Territory Government.

We have clipped the signature pages for your convenience in considering the matter.

Please return all copies of the executed deed to this Department for further action.

Kozo Yamada
Kozo Yamada

Enclosure: a/s

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this 8th day of March, 1980, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title to public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the separate governmental entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

ORIGINAL

Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on Tinian Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:2000 scale reproduction of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of fifty-four (54) sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of 9,581.33 hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on Tinian Island.

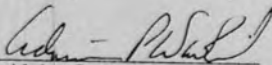
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 8th day of November, 1980.


Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

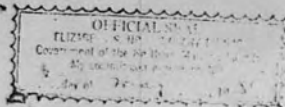
Northern Mariana Islands

On this 21st day of November, 1980 before me appeared Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

10th day of January, 1980.



Elizabeth S. Houl
Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 10th day of January, 1980.

Daniel J. High
Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

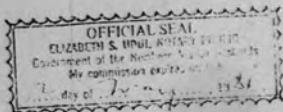
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this 7 day of December, 1980 before me appeared Daniel J. High, Alien Property Custodian for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

7 day of December, 1980.



Elizabeth S. Houl
Notary Public

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this 20 day of November, 1980, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title to public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the separate governmental entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

DUPLICATE

Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on Tinian Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:2000 scale reproduction of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of fifty-four (54) sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes, by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of 9,581.33 hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on Tinian Island.

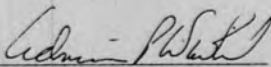
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Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 8th day of November, 1980.


Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this 10th day of November, 1980 before me appeared Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

1st day of November, 1980.



[Signature]
Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 6th day of November, 1980.

[Signature]
Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

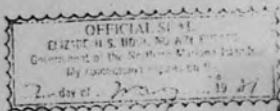
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this 7 day of November, 1980 before me appeared Daniel J. High, Alien Property Custodian for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

7 day of November, 1980.



[Signature]
Notary Public

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



(Proposed deed for
Tinian Island.)

CONFIRMATION DEED

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WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

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Reviewed by Kozo and Rocky on 11/15/80. Kozo commented on p. 3 and notarization. Kent Harvey suggested that document be prepared as is in as much as Joe de la Cruz has already agreed to it. 11/15/80

(Reviewed by
Joe de la Cruz
10/29/80.)

~~Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.~~

All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyance of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on Tinian Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:2000 scale reproduction of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of fifty-four (54) sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the Tinian Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of 9,581.³³₀₈ hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on Tinian Island.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

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It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1980.

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this _____ day of _____, 1980 before me appeared Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that
he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free
act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this
_____ day of _____, 1980.

Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation
Deed, to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day
of _____, 1980.

Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this _____ day of _____, 1980 before me
appeared Daniel J. High, Alien Property Custodian for the Trust
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IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this
_____ day of _____, 1980.

Notary Public

Reviewed by
J. de la Cruz
10/29/80
3:00 PM
Proof read
10/30/80
3:30 PM.

CONFIRMATION DEED

THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this _____ day of _____, 1980, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title of public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

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NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made:

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1980.

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

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Notary Public

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Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

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_____ day of _____, 1980.

Notary Public

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands

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CONFIRMATION DEED

THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this _____ day of _____, 1979, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title to public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the separate governmental entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner, subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern

Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order No. 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on ^{TINIAN} Saipan Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), including ~~Managaha Island, Isleta Maigo Lusu and Isleta Maigo Pahang~~, as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:4000 ²⁰⁰⁰ scale reproduction of the ^{TINIAN} Saipan Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of ^{fifty-four (54)} ~~sixty-four (64)~~ sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the ^{TINIAN} Saipan Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of ^{7141.32} ~~7141.32~~ hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and ^{TINIAN} unsurveyed located on ~~Saipan~~ Island.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made:

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979.

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this _____ day of _____, 1979, before me appeared Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

_____ day of _____, 1979.

Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979.

Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this _____ day of _____, 1979, before me appeared Daniel J. High, Alien Property Custodian for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

_____ day of _____, 1979.

Notary Public



Marianas Public Land Corporation

P.O. Box 380
Saipan, CM 96950

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Attn: Chief, Lands and Surveys

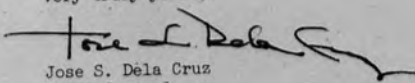
Dear Sir:

The Marianas Public Land Corporation would like to request your office for certified copies of all official Land Title Officer's (Marianas District) determinations of ownership issued in favor of Presentacion Atalig (a/k/a Presentacion Atalig Hattori), a resident of Rota. We would also like to have certified copies of all the attachments appended to each of the title determinations. The lands involved are all situated on Rota.

The purpose of this request is for possible evidentiary use at a lawsuit presently pending between GNMI and Presentacion Atalig Hattori, which is set for trial in April of this year. We, therefore, ask that you kindly furnish us with such documents, certifying that they are true and correct copies of the official land documents on file with your office.

Your kind assistance is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Jose S. Dela Cruz
Legal Counsel

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October 17, 1979
Serial: L 18856
File: 178.88.2.1

Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio
Executive Director
Marianas Public Lands Corporation
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Tenorio:

As you are aware, the confirmation deed for Saipan Island was delivered to the Marianas Public Lands Corporation without the original maps and computer printout.

Listed below and being hand carried by my staff for your acceptance are maps and computer printout pertinent to the executed confirmation deed of Saipan Island, which was forwarded to your office by the High Commissioner letter dated August 9, 1979.

Saipan Maps:

1. Cadastral Parcel Indexes (CPI), 36" x 43" final overlays, mylars, scale 1:2000	64 sheets
2. CPI 32 1/2" x 43" or 36" x 43" worksheets, mylars, scale 1:2000	46 sheets
3. CPI, 36" x 43" worksheets, blue line print (Blp), scale 1:2000	59 sheets
4. CPI, 18" x 23" (Exhibit A), in map binder, reproduction copies, tracing papers, scale 1:4000	64 sheets
5. Blp of (4)	64 sheets
6. CPI layout sheet, print, 36" x 43" scale 1:30,000	1 sheet

Saipan Public Land Calculation:

1. Computer printout, paperbound, original copy, (Exhibit B)	1 binder
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Two (2) sets (copies) of Exhibit A and Exhibit B had already been submitted to your office.

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Original maps of the Northern Islands were furnished to Land Commission Office, CNMI. During his last trip, Mr. Aureliano Ocasion, NQL, TTPI, requested LCO that copies be made and furnished to your office at their earliest convenience. Additional comments and/or corrections pertaining to the Northern Islands maps should be referred to us for our action.

An acknowledging statement is provided below. Please sign and return one copy for our record.

Sincerely yours,

Kozo Yamada
Director, Bureau of Resources

Enclosures

cc: Marianas Land Commission
Marianas Land Management

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above documents as listed for Marianas Public Lands Corporation.

PEDRO A. TENORIO

Print Name

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Title

10/22/79 -

Date

Jlann/stp

October 5, 1979

Pedro A. Atalie, Esq.
Northern Mariana Islands
Public Land Commission
Sauro Building
Saipan, CN 96966

Re: Garapan Beach Estates Land

Dear Mr. Atalie:

About one week ago Assistant Attorney General Kent Harvey had a telephone conversation with either you or Mr. dela Cruz of your office concerning the activities of persons unknown on the real property encompassed within Garapan Beach Estates, commonly known as the T.T. Samoan Housing. After Mr. Harvey left on vacation, I talked with you on October 2nd. Our conversation led me to believe that there was a fundamental misunderstanding with regard to the right to the continued use of that property by the T.T. Government, thus, this letter.

On December 31, 1976, Erwin E. Conham, in his capacity as the Resident Commissioner for TITC and Peter T. Coleman, the Acting High Commissioner, TPTI, signed Memorandum of Understanding No. 5, the subject matter of which was the establishment of a TIG Capitol District on Saipan. I enclose a copy of that document. Referred to as exhibits to this document were a Use Agreement and a plat marked as Exhibit A to that Use Agreement. Copies of the pertinent parts of those exhibits are also attached.

The documents referred to above are complete and unequivocal, the Trust Territory Government has the absolute right to the use and occupancy of the lands encompassed in those areas designated as the Trust Territory Capitol District. Neither the Government of the Northern Marianas nor any person, corporation, partnership or any other entity, purportedly acting through the G.M.T.I., has any right to do anything within the area known as Garapan Beach Estates until such time as the Trust Territory Government has granted that use right.

The use rights retained by the Trust Territory Government... remain in full force and effect for so long as the TIG has a need to maintain major headquarters on Saipan or until such time as the parties hereto cause the same to be modified in writing. (Paragraph 6 of the A,reement)



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In light of the above I do not believe it necessary to restate a specific rejoinder to the position taken by you in our telephone conversation. I believe the position of the TIG is eloquently set forth in these documents.

Should you have any question about anything stated in this letter or any of the documents which are enclosed, please write me, call me or come see me.

Yours very truly,

James C. Finn
Acting Attorney General

Inclosures

cc: Attorney General, FBI
Lands Division, DGS
Pedro A. Tenorio, Executive Director, Public Lands Commission
of the FBI
Jesus P. Matias, Personnel Officer, FBI

*Info only
no action required*

USE AGREEMENT

THIS USE AGREEMENT entered into this 30th day of December, 1976, between the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands (hereinafter referred to as NMG) and the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (hereinafter referred to as TTG).

WHEREAS, the NMG and TTG have entered into a certain Memorandum of Understanding No. 5, which said Memorandum provides for the establishment of a TT Capitol District on Saipan pursuant to the provisions of Secretarial Order 2989; and

WHEREAS, the TTG requires the continuing use of certain land and facilities connected with its operations, which said land and facilities are located on Saipan outside of the boundaries of the hereinafter designated Capitol District; and

WHEREAS, the NMG is willing to grant to the TTG continuing rights of use in and to said areas for so long as the TTG has a need for major headquarters on Saipan, or until modified in writing by the parties; and

WHEREAS, with respect to communications sites, the parties shall mutually agree as to appropriate lease terms for continued TTG utilization of such sites following headquarters removal,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the NMG and the TTG do hereby expressly agree as follows:

FIRST: The NMG hereby grants to the TTG the rights of use to all facilities, land and housing, except those housing units which are under the exclusive control and use of the NMG pursuant to the provisions of Memorandum No. 6, located within the area marked in "red" and

designated TTCD on the plat marked "Exhibit A", a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The area so designated shall be known as the TT Capitol District. Both parties hereto expressly agree that the main roads and utility systems which run to and through the TT Capitol District shall not be included as part of, nor interpreted to mean the TT Capitol District.

Both parties hereto agree that the TTG shall have exclusive jurisdiction within the TT Capitol District.

The TTG agrees that it shall not permit the establishment of commercial operations within the TT Capitol District other than those commercial operations reasonably necessary for the performance of its governmental functions.

SECOND: The NMG hereby grants to the TTG the right of use of facilities and lands commonly referred to as the Lower Base area, Kagman Transmitter and Kagman Receiver sites, which areas are marked in "red" on the maps designated "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B", attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. The parties agree the TTG shall have use of said land and facilities contained within the boundaries so designated on the exhibits, such use to be fully commensurate with the rights which the TTG presently has in said property.

Both parties agree that the Transportation Warehouse located in what is commonly referred to as the Lower Base area, shall be made available for utilization by either party under a joint Use Agreement to be effected between the parties at a future date.

THIRD: The parties agree that TTG shall have the right to provide security for the areas designated in "red" on "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B", concurrently with similar rights of the NMG in such areas.

FOURTH: The parties agree that they shall have rights of ingress and egress to the areas designated as being under the use of TTG, such rights to be in conformity with the use being made of each area.

FIFTH: The parties agree that any minimum wage law enacted presently or in the future by the NMG shall apply within the TT Capitol District, and the other designated use areas, provided however, that such minimum wage laws shall not apply to employees of the Trust Territory Government.

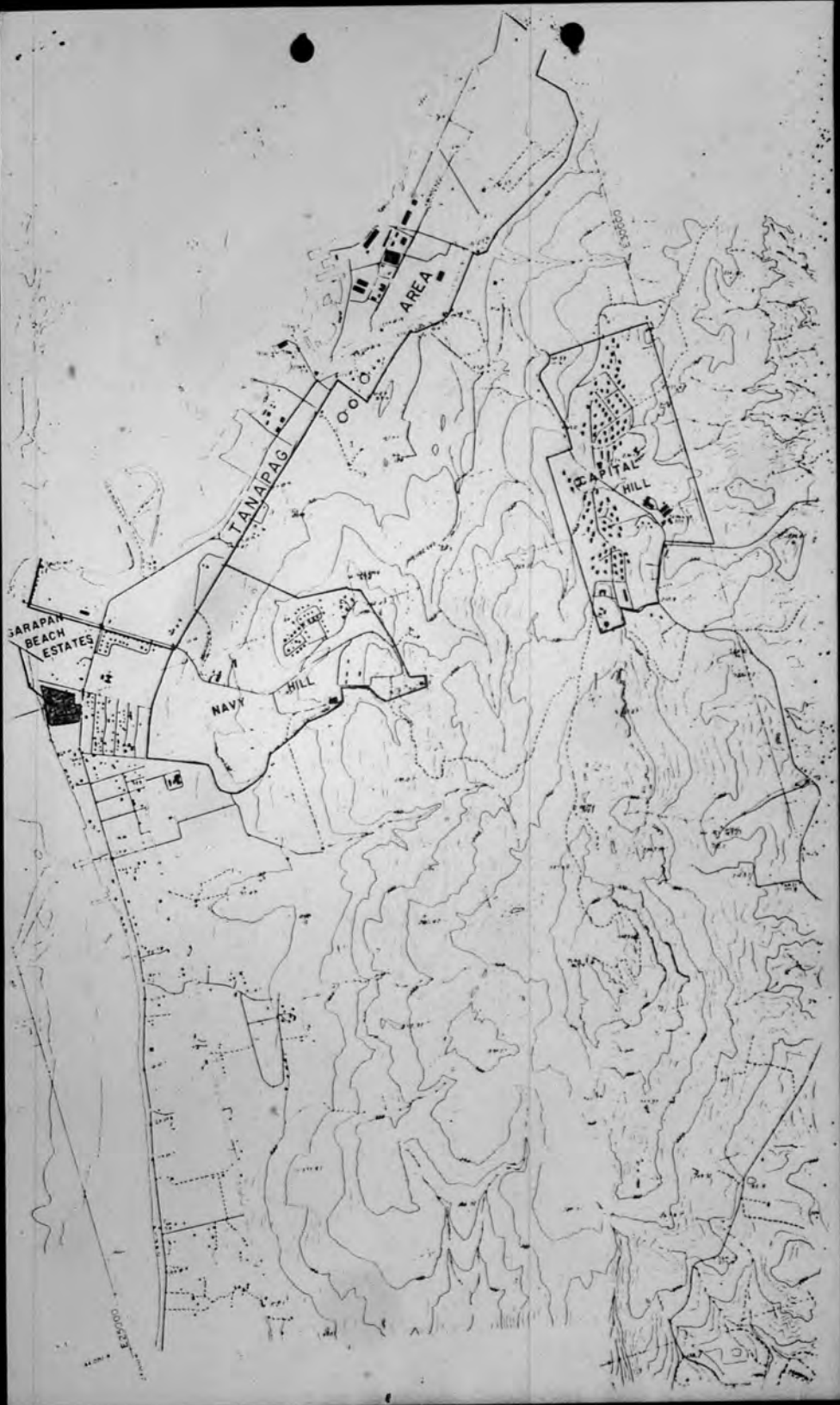
SIXTH: The parties hereto agree that this Use Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for as long as the TTG has a need to maintain a major headquarters on Saipan or until such time as the parties hereto cause the same to be modified in writing. Areas such as Kagman Transmitter and Receiver sites in which the TTG has a continuing interest, shall be the subject of further negotiation between the parties at such time as this Use Agreement terminates as a result of the major headquarters facilities being removed from Saipan. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to abridge the right of the TTG to said Transmitter and Receiver sites at such time as future negotiations are undertaken.

IT IS SO AGREED.

Erwin D. Canham
Erwin D. Canham
Resident Commissioner
Northern Mariana Island Government

Peter T. Coleman
Peter T. Coleman
Acting High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

Date December 31, 1976



TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Office of the High Commissioner, Saipan

TO : High Commissioner
Thru Attorney General

DATE: August 7, 1979

FROM : Administrator, Department of Development Services

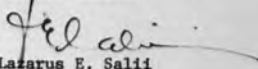
SUBJECT: Confirmation Deeds for Saipan and the "northern islands"

Attached are two originals and four duplicate originals of the proposed deeds.

By routing this memorandum through the Office of the Attorney General, it is requested that the deeds be reviewed as to legal form, and if found acceptable that they be signed by the Attorney General as Alien Property Custodian. We request that the document then be forwarded to the High Commissioner for execution on behalf of the Trust Territory Government.

The format of the deeds have been reviewed and approved by the counsel of the Marianas Public Lands Corporation on June 14, 1979. And on July 30, 1979, the Corporation counsel advised Headquarters Division of Lands to proceed on the execution of the confirmation deeds.

Please return all copies of the executed deeds to this Department for further action.


Lazarus E. Salii

Enclosure: a/s

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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



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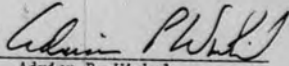
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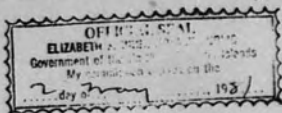
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29 day of August, 1979.



Elizabeth Udon
Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

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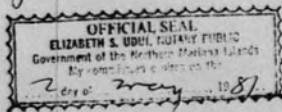
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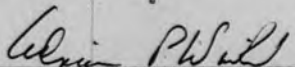
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Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 9th day of August, 1979.


Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

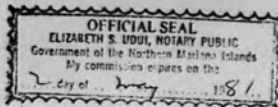
Northern Mariana Islands

On this 29 day of August, 1979, before me appeared Adrian Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is

subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

29 day of August, 1979.



Elizabeth Uddi
Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 27th day of August, 1979.

Daniel J. High
Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

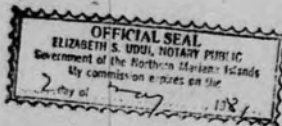
Northern Mariana Islands

On this 29 day of August, 1979, before me appeared Daniel J. High, Alien Property Custodian for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

29 day of August, 1979.

Elizabeth Uddi
Notary Public



TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



LANDS COPY

"Northern Islands"

A copy of this was
forwarded for execution by the
Honorable AG. 8/2/79
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CONFIRMATION DEED

THIS CONFIRMATION DEED is issued this _____ day of _____, 1979, by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "GRANTORS", for purposes of ratifying, approving, and confirming the vesting of title to public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2989, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the separate governmental entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner"; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order No. 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on the following islands located in the Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District):

1. The Island of Farallon de Pajaros (Uracus), containing 2.564 sq. km;
2. The Island of Maug (consisting of three (3) islands), containing 2.147 sq. km;
3. The Island of Asuncion, containing 7.340 sq. km;
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9. The Island of Anatahan, containing 31.440 sq. km;
10. The Island of Farallon de Medinilla, containing 0.844 sq. km; and
11. The Island of Aguijan (including Naftan Rock), containing 7.130 sq. km.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979.

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

On this _____ day of _____, 1979, before me appeared Adrian Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

_____ day of _____, 1979.

Notary Public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation
Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day
of _____, 1979.

Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

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Notary Public

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



*A copy of this was provided
for execution by the
High Comm. AG.
8/8/79 .E*

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SAIPAN ISLAND
MANAGHA
ISLETA MAIGO LAUA
ISLETA MAIGO FAHANG

CONFIRMATION DEED

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WITNESSETH THAT:

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WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order No. 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on Saipan Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), including Managaha Island, Isleta Maigo Luau and Isleta Maigo Fahang, as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:4000 scale reproduction of the Saipan Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of sixty-four (64) sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the Saipan Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of 7141.32 hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on Saipan Island.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979.

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

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subscribed to the within Confirmation Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

_____ day of _____, 1979.

Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979.

Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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_____ day of _____, 1979.

Notary Public

6/14/79

To be Handed To:

Ermas Ngirabae
at TT Lands / Surveys Office

From: ~~Tore S. Dele~~ }
Legal Counsel
Marianas Public Land Council

Rec'd 0910 a.m.
14 June 1979
Ermas

Received today, with instruction
not to execute the Seed until -
Marianas Land Management Office
has reviewed survey records
Ermas

2:15 PM, 20 June
Joe is off island, MPLC advised HQ Lands.
E.

9:00 AM, 21 June
Telephone conversation bet. Joe & Ermas.

Marianas Land Management still reviewing survey
works, perhaps will be completed tomorrow (6/22).

SEE OTHER SIDE

28 June

Joe advised HQ Lands that map review by the Chamorro Land Management still in progress. You'll be contacted as soon as completed. E

6 July '79

Pete Tenorio advised HQ Lands that the map review is still in progress. E

30 July - Joe LeCruz called Enenas - advised that you may have the compensation deed excluded by the 1965 Commission.

6/14/79

To TT Lands/Services

This draft Conf. Deed
is acceptable to
MPLC - Tom S. Webb
Comm. MPLC

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

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High Commissioner

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Northern Mariana Islands

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Notary Public

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Alien Property Custodian

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Notary Public

6/14/79
To: TT lands/Sec
This draft copy does
not appear to be
acceptable to
MPLC.
One S. DeBry
Comm
MPLC

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

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NOW, THEREFORE, in order to forever remove any doubt as to the validity of the vesting of title to public and alien lands made in favor of the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, grantors herein, do hereby ratify, approve, and confirm, the vesting of title to public and alien lands in favor of the Resident Commissioner made pursuant to Secretarial Order 2989, effective as of the 1st day of April, 1976, and we further do by these presents hereby remise, release, convey, transfer, and forever quitclaim, unto the Resident Commissioner, his lawful successors and assigns, all those public and alien lands as described below:

All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on Saipan Island, Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), including Managaha Island, Isleta Maigo Luau and Isleta Maigo Fahang, as delineated and represented on Exhibit A hereto, such being a 1:4000 scale reproduction of the Saipan Island Cadastral Parcel Index, comprised of sixty-four (64) sheets, and bounded as described in Exhibit B hereto, such being a computer printout which enumerates and describes by metes and bounds all public and alien land parcels keyed to the sheet number of the Saipan Island Cadastral Parcel Index, containing an area of 7141.32 hectares, more or less; and also, all easements and rights-of-way, both surveyed and unsurveyed located on Saipan Island.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

It is further the intention of the Grantors that all interests in real property which are hereafter determined to have been vested in the Grantors on or before April 1, 1976, shall vest in the Grantee, or his lawful successors and assigns, and it is also the intention of the Grantors to convey hereby not only any present right, title or interest in the above described property, but also any, every, and all right, title, and interest after acquired by Grantors in and to the above described property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979.

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

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Notary Public

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Notary Public



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

MAY 22 1979

Honorable Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the
Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Winkel:

This responds to your letter of May 7, 1979, concerning the transfer of public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a memorandum of May 18, 1979, from the Attorney Adviser, Territories, which is self-explanatory.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve
Director
Office of Territorial Affairs

Enclosure





UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

May 18, 1979

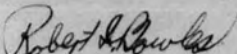
Memorandum

To: Office of Territorial Affairs
Attention: Trevor Haydon

From: Attorney Adviser, Territories

Subject: Confirmation Deeds, Northern Mariana Islands and Saipan

I have reviewed the two attached deeds and find them to be in proper legal form. We have no objection to their being executed.


Robert I. Bowles

Enclosures

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

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WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the separate governmental entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1, of Secretarial Order No. 2989, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

"Title to public lands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner subject to the continued use of such land by the Trust Territory Government until relocation of the capitol of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, such use to be in accordance with the terms of agreements reached by the Resident

Commissioner and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner";

WHEREAS, it appears from the above provision of Secretarial Order 2989 that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, including all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, was intended to pass and vest, and did pass and vest, in the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity as chief executive of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands as established by the said Secretarial Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Secretarial Order No. 2989, the Resident Commissioner, in his official capacity, acted as the vested holder of title to all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, and thereafter made certain conveyances of title to public lands and certain grants of lesser interests thereto as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, certain questions and doubts have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the general vesting of title to the said public and alien lands effectuated by Secretarial Order 2989, and failed to name, list and adequately describe and identify the different parcels of public lands which, in effect, were conveyed to the Resident Commissioner by virtue of the said Order; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the lawful title holders to the public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, did not take any part in the transfer of title and conveyances of the said public lands which vested in the Resident Commissioner pursuant to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Resident Commissioner, as established by Secretarial Order 2989,

has since been succeeded by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, established by the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, beginning January 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands, as of the effective date of the said Constitution belong collectively to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are of Northern Marianas descent;

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All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on the following islands located in the Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District):

1. The Island of Farallon de Pajaros (Uracus), containing 2.564 sq. km;
2. The Island of Maug (consisting of three (3) islands), containing 2.147 sq. km;
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6. The Island of Alamagan, containing 11.570 sq. km;
7. The Island of Guguan, containing 3.872 sq. km;
8. The Island of Sariguan, containing 4.975 sq. km;

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10. The Island of Farallon de Medinilla, containing 0.844 sq. km; and
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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above-described real property, the rights, titles, and interests thereto, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and every part thereof, unto the Grantee, his lawful successors and assigns, forever.

Subject to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses and other forms of rights and obligations entered into by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 1979.

Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Northern Mariana Islands

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Notary Public

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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
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Notary Public

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Office of the High Commissioner, Saipan

From *to* : High Commissioner

DATE: 2/27/79

To *FROM* : Acting Attorney General

SUBJECT: Transfer of Public Lands in the Northern Mariana Islands

We have reviewed the memorandum dated February 5, 1979 from C. Brewster Chapman, Jr. to Director, Office of Territorial Affairs regarding the title to public land in the Northern Mariana Islands. Mr. Chapman concludes that the legal title to such lands remains with the Trust Territory Government although Secretarial Order 2989 may have transferred some interest in the property, such as equitable title, to the Resident Commissioner. This office is not in full agreement with the reasoning or conclusion set forth in the memo, however, discussions have been had with the Marianas Public Land Corporation designed to achieve a solution to whatever problem there may be.

We have agreed with the Land Corporation to execute a confirmation deed which will finally and absolutely quit claim any interest in the legal title which the Trust Territory Government may have in all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands. It was agreed that the document will preserve and protect the use rights of the Trust Territory Government in facilities and land which we now control. The Bureau of Lands has sufficient information to prepare a land inventory suitable for enclosure in the confirmation deed and are actively working on that project now.

It is my belief that all areas of concern expressed by the Marianas Public Land Corporation have been addressed in meetings and agreements satisfactory to all parties have been reached. The exact timetable of execution is not known, nor insisted upon, for the reason that accuracy is preferred over expediency.

We will keep your office fully informed of developments and apprise you of any difficulties which may surface.

Minor Pounds
Minor Pounds

cc: Division of Lands

at its appropriate time, we should inform Dato of what we are doing & why.

WJ 3/2/79



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

FEB 14 1979

Hon. Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the
Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands

Dear Mr. Winkel:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a February 5, 1979, memorandum from the Assistant Solicitor, Territories, concerning the transfer of public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands.

I thought you might be interested in this memorandum because Mr. Milner reported to me that during his recent trip to Saipan there was some question on whether a formal conveyance of title need be made.

I hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve
Director
Office of Territorial Affairs

Enclosure





UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

Kingdon

February 5, 1979

Memorandum

To: Director, Office of Territorial Affairs

From: Assistant Solicitor, Territories

Subject: Public Lands in the Northern Mariana Islands

This is in response to your memorandum of January 25, 1979, in which you ask if a formal conveyance is needed to transfer public land from the Trust Territory to the Marianas Public Land Corporation.

The material submitted to this office does not contain any information setting forth the position of the High Commissioner so we can only assume what happened. In addition, we have no information concerning any correspondence or agreements that might have been entered into between the Resident Commissioner and the High Commissioner. Assuming that Mr. Ruak is correct and that no written conveyance has been made to the Marianas Public Land Corporation, it appears that the High Commissioner has taken the position that Secretarial Order 2989 conveyed the public lands in the Mariana Islands to the Resident Commissioner.

Part VII, Section 1 of S.O. 2989 states:

"Section 1. Title to public lands in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which are situated in the Northern Mariana Islands and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner . . . All other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government and which have not been transferred to the legal entity created by the Mariana Islands District Legislature according to Secretary of the Interior Order No. 2969 shall vest in the Resident Commissioner . . ."

The transferring to or vesting title to public lands in the Resident Commissioner is not a complete transaction. While the Secretarial Order may have transferred some interest in the property to the Resident Commissioner, such as equitable title, it did not transfer full legal title. The legal title remains with the Trust Territory. An equitable right becomes complete to receive legal title by an appropriate mode of transfer and until that act is performed the land is not disposed of.

We have read Secretarial Orders 2969 and 2989 and it is our opinion that the Trust Territory must transfer the legal title of the lands to the Northern Mariana Islands by an appropriate instrument. Such instrument should describe the land in sufficient detail so that it can be recognized and located.

From a practical standpoint, the Marianas Public Land Corporation would not know what lands were being transferred to it without a written instrument describing the land involved.

C. Brewster Chapman, Jr.

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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Office of the High Commissioner, Saipan

TO : Attorney General

FROM : Acting Chief of Lands

DATE: March 16, 1979
Serial: 118708
File: 178.88.2

SUBJECT: Confirmation Deeds for Northern Mariana Islands

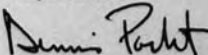
Based on all past discussions with and correspondence from your Office, we believe the Trust Territory Government is still taking the legal position that the operative document that divested the Trust Territory Government of title to public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands was Secretarial Order No. 2989. We concur to this position from an administrative point of view in that if Order No. 2989 were not the operative document than all of the homestead quitclaim deeds and public land lease agreements executed by the Resident Commissioner between April 1, 1976 and January 9, 1978 would not be valid. The administrative and possibly legal consequences that would arise from such a ruling would indeed be difficult to cure.

Accordingly, in accordance with recent discussions between members and counsel of the Northern Marianas Public Land Corporation, your Office and this Division, we have prepared a confirmation deed, which, if executed by both the High Commissioner and the Alien Property Custodian, will confirm that title to all public and alien lands in the "northern islands" and marine areas was vested in the Resident Commissioner as of April 1, 1976.

We hope to have a similar deed ready by March 23, 1979 confirming title to all public and alien lands on Saipan Island. The deeds for Tinian and Rota will take somewhat longer as the surveying and mapping process is not yet complete.

We, then, ask that you review the draft deed (original and two (2) duplicate originals attached), and if it is found acceptable that it be executed by yourself as Alien Property Custodian. Please then return all copies of the document to this Division for further processing.

The format of the deed has not been reviewed by the Public Land Corporation.


Dennis Pach

Attachments: a/s

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands



CONFIRMATION DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: THAT

WHEREAS, Order No. 2989, issued by the Secretary of the Interior on March 24, 1976, administratively separated the Mariana Islands District from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and designated the new organizational entity as the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with executive authority being vested in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Part VII, Section 1 of said Order states in part that "Title to public lands (located in the Northern Mariana Islands) and which are actively used by the Trust Territory Government is hereby transferred to and vested in the Resident Commissioner (subject to continued use by the Trust Territory Government), and (all) other public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands title to which is now vested with the Trust Territory Government (not previously conveyed to a legal entity created pursuant to Secretarial Order No. 2969) shall vest in the Resident Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, this language was interpreted to mean that title to all public lands, as defined in 67 TTC 1, and all alien lands, as defined in 27 TTC 1, in the Northern Mariana Islands passed to and was vested in the Resident Commissioner on the effective date of said Order No. 2989, such date being April 1, 1976; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with such interpretation, the Resident Commissioner acted as the vested owner of all public and alien lands and made certain conveyances of title and grants of lesser interests; and

WHEREAS, certain questions have subsequently arisen as to the effectiveness of the vesting of title of all public and alien lands in the Northern Mariana Islands in the Resident Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, to forever remove any doubt as to the intentions or interests of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, we, the High Commissioner and Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, as of the 1st day of April, 1976, have given, quitclaimed, ratified, approved, and confirmed, forever, unto the Resident Commissioner of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, all right, title and interest of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, in and to the following real property:

- A. All those lands located above the ordinary high water mark on the following islands located in the Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District):
1. Farallon de Pajaros (Uracus), containing 2.564 sq. km;
 2. Maug (consisting of three (3) islands), containing 2.147 sq. km;
 3. Asuncion, containing 7.340 sq. km;
 4. Agrihan, containing 43.504 sq. km;
 5. Pagan, containing 47.638 sq. km;
 6. Alamagan, containing 11.569 sq. km;
 7. Guguan, containing 3.872 sq. km;
 8. Sariguan, containing 4.975 sq. km;
 9. Anatahan, containing 31.440 sq. km;
 10. Farallon de Medinilla, containing 0.844 sq. km; and
 11. Aguijan (including Naftan Rock), containing 7.130 sq. km.
- B. All those lands located below the ordinary high water mark within the geographic boundaries of the Northern Mariana Islands (formerly Mariana Islands District), as defined in Section 1(1) of Title 3 of the Trust Territory Code.

SUBJECT to the condition that all contracts, lease agreements, easements, permits, licenses, and other forms of rights, privileges and obligations entered into or obtained by whomsoever prior to April 1, 1976, and applicable to the conveyed lands, shall remain in force and

effect until their natural or legal termination, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the involved parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, in the name of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 19 ____.

High Commissioner

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Alien Property Custodian of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, have caused this Confirmation Deed to be made.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 19 ____.

Daniel J. High
Alien Property Custodian

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Filed and recorded in Book _____, Page _____, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____, at _____ A.M./P.M.

Clerk of Courts
Commonwealth of the Northern
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High Commissioner

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Acting Attorney General

Transfer of Public Lands in the Northern Mariana Islands

We have reviewed the memorandum dated February 5, 1979 from C. Brewster Chapman, Jr. to Director, Office of Territorial Affairs regarding the title to public land in the Northern Mariana Islands. Mr. Chapman concludes that the legal title to such lands remains with the Trust Territory Government although Secretarial Order 2809 may have transferred some interest in the property, such as equitable title, to the Resident Commissioner. This office is not in full agreement with the reasoning or conclusion set forth in the memo, however, discussions have been had with the Marianas Public Land Corporation designed to achieve a solution to whatever problem there may be.

We have agreed with the Land Corporation to execute a confirmation deed which will finally and absolutely quit claim any interest in the legal title which the Trust Territory Government may have in all public lands situated in the Northern Mariana Islands. It was agreed that the Government will preserve and protect the use rights of the Trust Territory Government in facilities and land which we now control. The Bureau of Lands has sufficient information to prepare a land inventory suitable for enclosure in the confirmation deed and are actively working on that project now.

It is my belief that all areas of concern expressed by the Marianas Public Land Corporation have been addressed in meetings and agreements satisfactory to all parties have been reached. The exact timetable of execution is not known, nor insisted upon, for the reason that expediency is preferred over expediency.

We will keep your office fully informed of developments and apprise you of any difficulties which may surface.


Minor Founds

✓cc: Division of Lands

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Marianas Public Land Corporation

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February 8, 1979

Mr. Kozo Yamada, Chief
Division of Lands and Surveys
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Yamada:

This is to confirm in writing the meeting held at your office on January 30, 1979, with respect to the Marianas Public Land Corporation's request to receive from the Trust Territory Government an inventory, together with survey descriptions, maps, and other pertinent land documents, of all public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands. As we agreed at that meeting, your office will provide us with copies of such land documents and descriptions sometime this month.

In addition, we agreed that the Trust Territory Government will execute a confirmation deed to such public lands in favor of the Marianas Public Land Corporation, the entity created by the Commonwealth Constitution to receive title to all public lands in the Northern Mariana Islands, in the name of the people of the Commonwealth. Such a deed will confirm the vesting of title of Northern Mariana Islands public lands made to the Resident Commissioner pursuant to Secretarial Order No. 2989. It will also specify by inventory and descriptions the different public lands that vested in the Resident Commissioner by virtue of that Order, as well as clear up confusions or questions as to the title transfer based on that Order.

We also discussed at our meeting the question of liability that have arisen or may arise in the future in connection to the titles to certain public lands vis a vis private claims to certain public lands. We did not reach any agreement at that time as to who should be responsible regarding liability, and we felt that such question may have to be ultimately resolved with the United States Department of Interior.



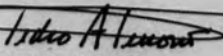
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We greatly appreciate your furnishing this office with the land inventory, maps, survey descriptions, and other pertinent land documents of Northern Marianas public lands. Thank you for all your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,



Pedro A. Tenorio
Executive Director

cc: Chairman of the Board, MPLC
Attorney General, TTPI



MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND CORPORATION
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Governor

Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Cable Address:
Gov. RFB Saipan

January 11, 1979

The Hon. Adrian P. Winkel
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pac. Islands
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear High Commissioner Winkel:

Receipt of the letter of December 11, 1978 of Mr. Kozo Yamada,
chief of Lands and Survey, is hereby acknowledged.

Please be advised that the Marianas Public Land Corporation
respectfully disagrees with your position that no deed is required
to be issued by the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Secretarial Order No. 2918, Part V transferred title to public
lands and vested it in the United States Resident Commissioner
for the Northern Mariana Islands. No formal conveyance was made.

Secretarial Order No. 2969, Sections 1 and 4 provided that "Upon
request, the High Commissioner is authorized and directed,
subject to valid existing rights, to transfer and convey, pursuant
to the provisions of this Order, to each district legal entity
all right, title and interest of the Government of the Trust
Territory of the Pacific Islands in public lands ..." Section 5
reserved types of land which were not transferred as did Section
6. Section 7 required the High Commissioner to make the conveyance
without unreasonable delay. As Section 7 revoked the powers and
duties of the Division of Lands and Surveys regarding public
lands mentioned in this Order, Mr. Yamada's reply cannot serve
any purpose (eg. ratification, acknowledgment, etc.). No con-
veyance has been made to date although proper request was made on
November 27, 1978.

Secretarial Order No. 2989, Part II, Section 1 vested the executive
authority of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands in a
United States Resident Commissioner. Part VII, Section 1 provided
that title to public lands shall vest in the U. S. Resident
Commissioner. No conveyance was made either to the United States

Nothing took place on 31 Jan. It was agreed AD's Office would prepare
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Resident Commissioner or from him. The position of U.S. Resident Commissioner terminated January 9, 1978.

Article XI, Section 1 of the Commonwealth Constitution declares that subject lands are public lands that belong collectively to the people of the Commonwealth who are of Northern Marianas descent. Section 3 gives jurisdiction over all but submerged land to the Marianas Public Land Corporation which acts as a trustee of public lands for the people of the Commonwealth.

The owner of real property can divest himself of title thereto only in some manner prescribed by law and the appropriate method of making a voluntary transfer of real property is by deed. Although the Secretarial Orders may be given legal effect as a contract to convey land they are not proper to convey title to land. The High Commissioner and the Alien Property Custodian have held title to the public lands. Their signatures as grantors are essential to the validity of any transfer of real property. The Secretary of Interior may have authority to order the conveyance but lacks the legal capacity of grantor. As a conveyance is not effective until delivery it is obvious from the language in Secretarial Order No. 2969, Sections 1, 4 and 7 that this was not intended to be a deed of conveyance but only the authorization to grant one. It is essential for a writing to be operative as a legal conveyance that the land granted must be described with sufficient definiteness and certainty to locate it and distinguish it from other lands. The majority rule of law gives effect to such language as "all my land", "all public land", etc., only where it appears that the grantor owns only one piece of property to which the description can apply. The public land in the Commonwealth can not be protected by 57 T.T.C. 11202 without an adequate description contained in a recordable conveyance.

For the above reasons, we repeat our request that your government prepare and submit a formal conveyance of all rights, title and interest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in public lands located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The conveyance should adequately describe the lands conveyed naming the Marianas Public Land Corporation on behalf (or in trust for) of the People of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

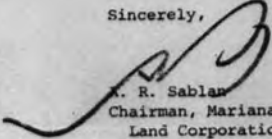
As an interim measure, please supply us with an inventory listing, describing all public lands in the Commonwealth.

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Your cooperation, understanding and immediate response to this request will be most highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



X. R. Sablan
Chairman, Marianas Public
Land Corporation

cc:
Secretary of Interior
Speaker, House NMI Legislature
President, Senate NMI Legislature
Governor, NMI
Kozo Yamada, TT ✓
GNMI Washington Representatives
Congressman Phillip Burton

DistAD Signed Public Lands Receivership Bill

SAIPAN, (MNS)---A bill "designating the entity to receive, hold and administer public lands" in the Marianas to be returned by the High Commissioner has been signed into law by District Administrator Francisco C. Ada. Ada signed the bill Wednesday (April 9).

Secretarial Order 2969 issued by Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton December 26, 1974, returns public lands to Micronesian control after each district legislature enact legislation based on U.S. land policy.

The bill acknowledges that the Secretarial Order reserves to the Trust Territory government "until separate administration or termination of the Trusteeship" whichever comes first, the "paramount power of eminent domain to take lands for public purposes pursuant to land" and also gives the TT Government "the right to regulate all activities af-

fecting conservation, navigation, or commerce in and to the navigable waters; tidelands, submerged lands and lagoons...", provided that the TT Government does not "interfere with the exercise of all prior traditional rights in and to such lands."

According to the bill, members of the Marianas Public Land Corporation shall be:

-The Mayors of Saipan, Rota and Tinian;

-Sixteen persons appointed by the Marianas District Legislature, no more than eight of whom shall be members of the legislature and at least two of whom shall be representatives of the United Carolinian Association;

-Fifteen persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Saipan, no more than seven of whom shall be members of the Council;

-Nine persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Rota; no more than four of whom shall be members of the Council; and

-Seven persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Tinian, no more than three of whom shall be members of the Council.

Revenues generated from the use, sale, disposition and administration of the Trust Lands shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Mariana Islands District Legislature, according to the bill.

The Legislature is also empowered to "enact laws providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain, creating adjudicatory bodies for settlement of claims to title or rights in the lands transferred and establishing a program for homesteading on the land transferred to the district legal entity."

The Bill is now Public Law No. 100-1975.



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