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3 (Land Titles Investigating Commission)

Summary of work (briefed).

The Land Titles Investigating Commission was not called upon to hear any native claims during the month of February. It appears that the land ownership question of Fefan and Moen, in the Truk Atoll, is now settled and the main task remaining on those islands is to catalog the information. The Chief of Fefan reports that the work of listing all land owners and the land owners and the land they own is now about half completed and will be concluded in the near future. A preliminary investigation was made into the land ownership problem on Dublon and it was found to be in a such a state that at the present time no prediction can be made as to the time it will be resolved. Dublon was the headquarters of the Japanese Fleet in the area and as the main force of the Japanese were stationed on that island, large land areas were required. In some cases complete payment for land used was made, in others a token amount was given and in still others it was confiscated. The task of determining the owners of the land that is now being used for the Naval Base on Moen is now virtually completed. It was found that the Base is now occupying what were formerly two entire villages and small parts of two others.

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