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15. SUMMARY:

1. Source, which indicated that it was a Micronesian News Service release from Saipan, TTPI, reported that Senator Francisco Taman PALACIOS (DPOB: 18 August 1926, Garapan City, Saipan, TTPI), a member of the Congress of Micronesia Political Status Commission, suggested in a speech to the Saipan Rotary Club that Guam join the TTPI as part of a self-governing Micronesian state. Senator PALACIOS stated he believes there are strong political, economic, and cultural reasons for a united Mariana Islands District.

2. Commenting on Senator PALACIOS' speech, Speaker Joaquin C. ARRIOLA of the Guam Legislature stated he did not concur with the proposal and recommended the northern Mariana Islands and Guam move forward together as a U.S. territory with the eventual goal of statehood. Speaker ARRIOLA further indicated that other districts of the TTPI would not be excluded from joining Guam and the northern Mariana Islands.

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