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The referenced airgram provided the first in a planned series of memoranda of conversation with key Micronesian leaders on future political status and associated issues. Enclosed is a second memcon, with Vicente "Ben" Santos, President of the Marianas District Legislature and President of the Popular Party of the Marianas (which favors Commonwealth Status for the TTPI). Also enclosed is a copy of the election "platform" statement of

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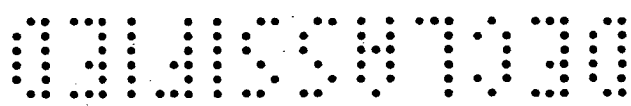
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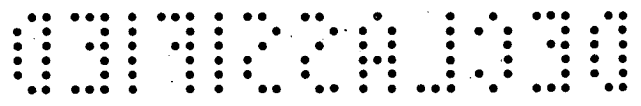
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THE POPULAR PARTY PLATFORM
FOR THE 1970 ELECTION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

The Executive Committee of the Popular Party of the Mariana Islands District met over a period of several days to prepare a platform which the members felt to be the best for the people of the Mariana Islands District for the 1970 election of the Congress of Micronesia. These meetings resulted in the OFFICIAL PLATFORM of the Popular Party which follows:

1. POLITICAL STATUS

The Popular Party feels that the Future Political Status of the Mariana Islands District is the most crucial issue. The Popular Party and the majority of the people of the Marianas favor a permanent relationship with the United States. The Popular Party, therefore, endorses COMMONWEALTH as the most realistic and beneficial status for the people of the Marianas. The Popular Party pledges to have a representative in the Future Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia who will actively support and protect the wishes of the people of the Marianas in their aspiration for a permanent relationship with the United States.

2. PUBLIC OFFICE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT DELEGATION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

The people of the Marianas have been long deprived of their right to easily and conveniently confer with their elected representatives in the Congress of Micronesia. The Popular Party pledges to provide the people of the Marianas with an office where they can present their problems to their elected representatives of the Congress of Micronesia. This office will be named the public office of the Mariana Islands District Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia and will be open to the general public on a regularly scheduled basis.

3. HEALTH SERVICES

The Popular Party feels that there is an inadequate number of qualified doctors and nurses to serve the people of the Marianas. The Popular Party pledges to seek recruitment of more doctors and nurses as well as to attempt to acquire better medicine and equipment. The health and lives of the inhabitants of the Marianas is a primary concern of the Popular Party.

4. EDUCATION

- a) The Popular Party recognizes the primary importance of developing the human resources of the Marianas. In order to develop our human resources to the maximum possible extent, the Popular Party proposes to seek more and better qualified teachers for all schools in the Mariana Islands District.
- b) It also proposes to seek more financial assistances for scholarship purposes for students in the Marianas.
- c) In order to improve and expand the available educational facilities, the Popular Party proposes to seek additional funds for expanded school facilities. One example where there is an inadequate facility in the Marianas District is the lack of a junior high school for Rota, which the Popular Party will attempt to provide.
- d) The Popular Party is concerned that the lack of public school transportation at the commencement of the school year will seriously impair and affect the operation of the educational system in the Marianas. To solve this critical problem, the Popular Party pledges to assure that students are provided with efficient and safe school transportation throughout the school year.
- e) The Popular Party recognizes the continued and growing number of high school graduates every year who are qualified and deserve to continue their higher education. The Popular Party, therefore, proposes to seek the establishment of a junior college for the Mariana Islands District.

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requirements for borrowing funds from the Housing Authority in order that the great majority of the people of the Marianas will benefit from the program provided by the Housing Authority.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

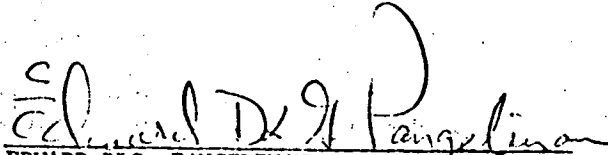
- a) The Popular Party recognizes the urgent need for sound economic development opportunities for the Mariana Islands District. It pledges to seek the continued acceleration of tourism programs so that this important and beneficial industry can be developed to the fullest extent possible.
- b) The Popular Party pledges to support and initiate the development of commercial farming and fishing industries. It further pledges to seek financial and technical assistance to farmers and fishermen.
- c) The Popular Party will attempt to make available to the people of Rota and Tinian the urgently needed irrigation system for the improvement of farming in these islands.
- d) The Popular Party pledges to support the growth and development of light industries and small businesses in the Marianas. It will attempt to seek more funds for the Economic Development Loan Funds and to make these funds more easily available to the people. It also pledges to explore other economic programs that are available for economic development opportunities such as those from the Office of Economic Opportunities and other agencies of the United States.

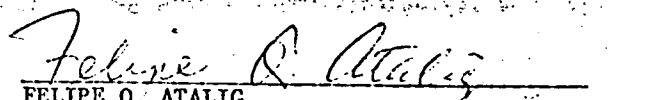
9. WAR CLAIMS


The Popular Party pledges to continue its efforts for an early and equitable settlement of all war claims in the Marianas and to protect and safeguard the interests of the people of the Marianas on all matters affecting the war claims in the Congress of Micronesia.

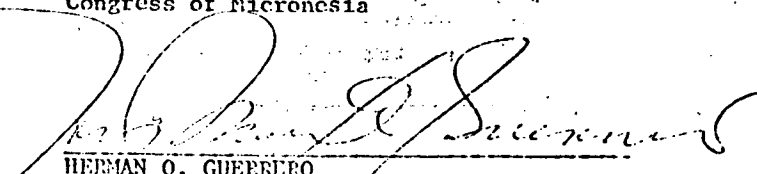
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We, the undersigned candidates of the Popular Party for the 1970 Election of the Congress of Micronesia, do hereby adopt this platform and pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to make this platform a reality upon our election to the Congress of Micronesia.


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