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SUBJECT: TTP1 FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS -- A MARIANAS VIEWPOINT
1. EVENING MAY 11 IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRESSMAN FELIPE ATALIG (MARIANAS) GAVE MAJOR SPEECH ON STATUS QUESTION FORM MARIANAS POINT OF VIEW (AT MOMENT HE IS ONLY REPRESENT FROM THAT DISTRICT). ATALIG HIGHLIGHTED CULTURAL, HISTORICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MARIANAS AND OTHER DISTRICTS, AND POINTED OUT DIFFERING

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ASPIRATIONS WITH RESPECT STATUS. HE FOLLOWED THIS WITH MAJOR POINTS OF STATEMENT. (A) "WE STAND READY TO ASSIST OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO AID THEM IN ACHIEVING THOSE (FREE ASSOCIATION OR INDEPENDENCE) ASPIRATIONS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OTHER DISTRICTS WILL STAND READY TO ASSIST MARIANAS IN REALIZING OUR ASPIRATIONS (PERMANENT ASSOCIATION WITH U.S.)" (B) "I BELIEVE THAT INSPITE OF OUR DIFFERENCES, IT IS VITAL THAT WE BARGAIN AMONG OURSELVES BEFORE WE NEGOTIATE WITH OUR OPPONENT. ALTHOUGH OUR

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FUTURE STATUS MAY NOT BE IDENTICAL, EACH OF US CAN, IRONICALLY, ACHIEVE AN ADDED STRENGTH IN REACHING OUR POLITICAL GOALS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT."

2. ALSO SUGGESTED NEXT ROUND OF TALKS BE POSTPONED IF MICRONESIAN SIDE NOT ADEQUATELY PREPARED IN TIME FOR AUGUST MEETING IN HAWAII.

IN LATTER CONNECTION, HE ERRONEOUSLY STATED THAT "BARGAINING OPPONENT" HAD UNILATERALLY CHOSEN NEGOTIATING SITE. DORRANCE

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