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SUBJECT: TTPI - FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS

1. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE SEEN EARLIER SEPTEL REPORTING THAT SENATOR SALII HAS SUBMITTED HIS DRAFT COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION TO STATUS

COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION. REP. GUERRERO (MARIANAS) TOLD ME TODAY (JANUARY 28) THAT STATUS COMMITTEE INTENDS INTRODUCE COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION TO FULL CONGRESS WITH REQUEST THAT STATUS COMMITTEE

PAGE TWO RUHJOSA7682 C O N F I D E N T I A L BE INSTRUCTED UTILIZE DRAFT COMPACT AS "GUIDELINES" AT NEXT ROUND TALKS. AT MOMENT THOUGH, ACCORDING GUERRERO, STATUS COMMITTEE BY

NO MEANS AGREED ON TEXT DRAFT COMPACT. DISSENSION APPARENTLY FLOWS NOT

SO MUCH FROM SUBSTANCE BUT RATHER FEELING AMONG SOME MEMBERS THAT TERMS SHOULD BE MORE PRECISE THAN IS PRESENTLY THE CASE. TIMING INTRODUCTION TO CONGRESS AT PRESENT UNCERTAIN.

2. TURNING TO QUESTION MARIANAS STATUS, GUERRERO SAID HE AND SENATOR PANGELINAN STILL INTENDED SUBMIT TO CONGRESS "MINORITY STATUS REPORT" REFLECTING VIEWS MARIANAS DISTRICT AND REQUESTING

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AUTHORITY CONDUCT SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. BUT WITHIN FRAMEWORK JOINT STATUS COMMITTEE. IF MINORITY REPORT FAVORABLY RECEIVED IN CONGRESS, THEN THAT WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP WITH RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT REQUEST U.S. TO CONDUCT SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED AT SATISFYING SEPARATE ASPIRATIONS OF MARIANAS. TIMING ABOVE ACTIONS REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

3. ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, INDEPENDENCE COALITION STILL THRASHING AROUND MAINLY IN EFFORT HOLD ITSELF TOGETHER, POSSIBLY EXPAND SLIGHTLY, AND REACH COMMON POSITION ON COALITION GOALS. AS CONSEQUENCE THESE UNCERTAINTIES, COALITION SPOKESMAN HANS WILLIANDER STILL HAS NOT BEEN ABLE DRAFT AND SCHEDULE HIS STATEMENT OF COALITION'S POSITION ON STATUS TALKS. IN ANY EVENT, AT THIS TIME COALITION CLEARLY APPEARS TO BE MORE BARK THAN BITE.

4. MESSAGE PREPARED JANUARY 28 IN PALAU. DORRANCE.

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