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MARIANAS SEPARATIST MOVEMENT (U)

- A. CINCPAC 270223Z FEB 72
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 - C. HICOMTERPACIS 131211Z FEB 72
1. AS REQUESTED REF A FOLLOWING COMMENTS BASED ON QUESTIONS-POSED REF B ARE SUBMITTED.
2. (S) THE SEPARATIST SENTIMENT OF MARIANAS REMAINS FIRM AND BASICALLY UNCHANGED. THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCERNIBLE SHIFT IN POSITION ON THE SEPARATE STATUS ISSUE. THIS CONFIRMS HICOM POLAD STATEMENTS IN REF C WHICH ARE CONSIDERED VALID TODAY. THE CONTINUED FIRM DESIRE FOR CLOSER TIES WITH THE U. S. OUTSIDE THE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL SETTLEMENT HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ASSUME VARYING DEGREES OF FAVORABLE AND UNFAVORABLE PRONOUNCEMENTS DEPENDING PRIMARILY ON HOW THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION APPEARS TO EFFECT THE POCKETBOOK OF THE DISTRICT OR SELF-INTEREST ORIENTED LEADERSHIPS. A PRIMARY TRAIT OF MICR ONESIAN POLITICAL SCENE IS RAPID PRIVATE AND OFTEN PUBLIC CHANGE OF PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITIONS. THEY ARE ASTUTE IN FLYING VARIOUS FEELERS AND INDICATORS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSES ON ANY GIVEN SUBJECT AT ANY GIVEN TIME. FORTHCOMING STATUS TALKS PLUS CUTTING OF THE MONEY PIE HAVE HIGHLIGHTED

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THE ISSUE.

(S) MARIANAS LEADERSHIP IS ATTUNED TO BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR SOME SORT OF ALIGNMENT WITH GUAM AS PART OF CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH U.S.. HOWEVER, BASIC TO SUCH ALIGNMENT IS NEED FOR PARITY, ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY, WITH GUAM PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE BARGAINING TABLE. FEAR OF BEING OVERWHELMED BY GUAM POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY IS REAL IN MINDS OF MARIANAS LEADERSHIP AND A FOREGONE CONCLUSION TO GUAM LEADERSHIP. REALISTIC CHECKS AND BALANCES ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF UNION BETWEEN TWO SIDES. GUAM LEADERSHIP IS JUST AS CONCERNED AND PREOCCUPIED WITH POLITICAL AND DOLLAR ASPECTS AS THE MARIANAS SIDE. GUAM POSITIONS ON UNITING WITH MARIANAS CAN BE EXPECTED TO SHIFT AND ASSUME, AT TIMES, IRRESPONSIBLE CHARACTERISTICS DEPENDING UPON LOCAL POLITICAL MANEUVERING. THE UNION QUESTION IS VERY REAL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND IT WILL BECOME EVEN MORE REAL IF GOV GUAM CAN SEE LARGE AMOUNTS OF U.S. DOLLAR SUPPORT IN THE OFFING.

4. (S) THERE HAS BEEN NO LESSENING OF DESIRE ON PART OF TINIAN OR SAIPAN CITIZENS FOR INCREASED MILITARY PRESENCE IN MARIANAS. AS MICRO-NESIAN POLITICAL SOLIDARITY BECOMES MORE QUESTIONABLE, PEOPLE OF MARIANAS ANTICIPATE LOSS OF TRUST TERRITORY CAPITOL INFRASTRUCTURE ON SAIPAN WHICH HAS BEEN PRIMARY ECONOMIC FACTOR IN DISTRICT, AND SEE MILITARY BASES AS FILLING THIS ECONOMIC VOID.

5. (C) SENSITIVITY OF ENTIRE SITUATION IS RECOGNIZED AND WE ARE PLAYING IT ACCORDINGLY.

6. WARM REGARDS.

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