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STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE (NSC).
CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI PASS TO HICOMTERPACIS POLAD DORRANCE.
SECDEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS.
SUBJ: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS--MARIANAS DISTRICT
REF: STATE 35808

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM TTP POLAD DORRANCE.
2. MARCH 3 I MET ON GUAM WITH SENATOR PANGELINAN AND REP. GUERRERO PER REFTEL AND ADVISED THEM ON POINTS THEREIN. FOLLOWING ARE SUBSTANTIVE HIGHLIGHTS CONVERSATION.
3. BOTH WERE PLEASED AND RELIEVED TO HAVE ASSURANCES PROVIDED

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NUMBERED PARA ONE, BUT REMAINED ADAMANT (DESPITE MY REMARKS BASED ON REFTEL) ON THEIR NEED FOR A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEPARATE TALKS. THEY STILL EXPECT TO OBTAIN RESOLUTION DURING SPECIAL SESSION IN PONAPE THIS JULY, AND DESIRE SAME FOR WHAT APPEAR TO BE PURELY LEGALISTIC REASONS OF THEIR OWN. ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH AND WORK WITHIN CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL MORE YEARS AND IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION AND WILL BE PREPARED TALK AFTER PONAPEAN SPECIAL SFFSSION WITH OR WITHOUT AN AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION.

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4. IN TERMS TIMING AND MECHANICS OF SEPARATE TALKS, THEY HAVE MADE FIRM COMMITMENT TO NOT REPEAT NOT ENTER INTO SEPARATE TALKS BEFORE APRIL STATUS TALKS AND STRONGLY PREFER TO AVOID ANY SERIOUS TALKS UNTIL AFTER NEXT SESSION MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IN AUGUST. REASON FOR LATTER POSITION IS THAT, IN THEIR VIEW, TALKS MUST BE WITH A MARIANAS STATUS COMMITTEE PROPERLY AUTHORIZED AND FUNDED BY LEGISLATURE. IMPLICIT IN THEIR REMARKS IS FACT MARIANAS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP HAS NOT AUTHORIZED PANGELINAN AND GERRERO TO HOLD TALKS ON THEIR OWN IN INTERIM. IN THIS REGARD, PANGELINAN ALSO MADE

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POINT OF STATING THAT HE AND GUERRERO GENERALLY WILL BE "AVOIDING U.S. DELEGATION" AT PALAU IN CONNECTION THEIR COMMITMENT WORK WITH STATUS COMMITTEE AT LEAST THROUGH PALAU TALKS, THIS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT MEAN POSSIBILITY OF ONE OR TWO QUIET INFORMAL AND PRIVATE TALKS WITH PANGELINAN AND GUERRERO OUT OF QUESTION. FURTHER, IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTIONING, PANGELINAN AND GUERRERO REAFFIRMED STATUS COMMITTEE WILL AT SOME POINT DURING PALAU TALKS ASK AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS WHETHER U.S. PREPARED TO HAVE SEPARATE TALKS WITH MARIANAS DIRECTED AT SEPARATE STATUS FOR MARIANAS. (RATHER SURPRISINGLY, PANGELINAN SAID THIS QUESTION MIGHT BE POSED BY "EITHER SENATOR SALII OR BY SENATOR T METUHL." HE FURTHER ADDED THAT IF EITHER FAILED TO POSE QUESTION, HE WOULD DO SO HIMSELF.) THERE WILL ALSO BE A FORMAL STATEMENT OF MARIANAS ASPIRATIONS ALONG LINES OF DRAFT MINORITY REPORT ALREADY PROVIDED TO WASHINGTON. THIS STATEMENT WILL BECOME PART OF OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. (AGAIN PANGELINAN HOPES AND ANTICIPATES THIS WILL COME FROM SALII OR SOME OTHER MEMBER OF STATUS COMMITTEE, BUT IT WILL BE MADE BY PANGELINAN OR GUERRERO IF SUCH BECOMES NECESSARY.) STATEMENT WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUPPORTING LETTER SIGNED BY ALL KEY ELECTED LEADERS IN MARIANAS DISTRICT. LATTER COURSE BEING TAKEN IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION FROM A

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SPECIAL SESSION OF DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. SPECIAL SESSION OF DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WOULD BE DIFFICULT ARRANGE AND WOULD ALSO BE A VIOLATION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO STATUS COMMITTEE TO AVOID PUBLIC ROCKING OF STATUS BOAT PRIOR TO PALAU TALKS.
5. AS AN ASIDE, I ASKED THEM HOW SERIOUS THEY FELT MARSHALLS

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SENTIMENT WAS WITH RESPECT SEPARATE STATUS. THEY FELT SENTIMENT WAS STRONG AND SERIOUS WITH REGARD SENATOR KABUA AND HIS FOLLOWERS (ESPECIALLY REP. DOMNICK), BUT THAT ULTIMATELY THEIR INTERESTS COULD BE SATISFIED IN A COMMON STATUS ARRANGEMENT EMBRACING ALL OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS. PANGELINAN VOLUNTERRED THAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MARIANAS DELEGATION HAD ATTEMPTED DISSUADE MARSHALLESE FROM THEIR SEPARATIST MOVES AND TENDENCIES BECAUSE THEY FEARED CONTINUATION OF SUCH WOULD MAKE MORE DIFFICULT OBTENTION CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR MARIANAS SEPARATISM. (THIS MAKES SENSE, BUT CONFLICTS WITH SENATOR KABUA'S STATEMENT TO ME IN PALAU, ALREADY REPORTED, TO EFFECT MARIANAS DELEGATION HAD SUGGESTED SOME SORT OF LOOSE CONFEDERATION OR UNION OF MARIANAS AND MARSHALLS DISTRICTS IN SEPARATE ASSOCIATION WITH U.S.)

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