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FROM POLAD 122. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. COMTWELVE FOR
AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR
MR. HOLDRIDGE (NSC).
SUBJECT: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS -- MARIANAS DISTRICT
REF: POLAD 121

1. REFTEL REPORTED CONVENING OF SPECIAL SESSION MARIANAS
DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING
MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION. REFTEL ALSO REPORTED
COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION AS ESTABLISHED BY BILL NOW BEFORE
SPECIAL SESSION. FOLLOWING ARE OTHER KEY SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS
SAME BILL.

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2. SECTION ONE PROVIDES STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION,
I.E. MARIANAS ASPIRATIONS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF OTHER TTPI
DISTRICTS AND THUS REQUIRE THAT "MARIANAS TAKE APPROPRIATE AND
NECESSARY STEPS TOWARD THEIR OWN RESOLUTION OF" FUTURE POLITICAL
STATUS QUESTION. ACTUAL MARIANAS ASPIRATIONS NOT SPELLED OUT.
3. SECTION TWO ESTABLISH COMMISSION, DEFINES MEMBERSHIP
(SEE REFTEL), SPECIFIES THAT ALL MEMBERS BE SELECTED WITHIN 60
DAYS OF ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION, AND THAT COMMISSION MEET WITHIN

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30 DAYS OF APPOINTMENT ALL MEMBERS. ALSO PROVIDES FOR ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS, COMPENSATION TO MEMBERS, AND OTHER INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.
4. SECTION THREE DETAILS POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN QUOTE (A) TO MAKE SUCH STUDIES AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY CONCERNING ISSUE OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT. (B) TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS AND DISCUSS ISSUE OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF M.I. DISTRICT WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN UNITED STATES, AND IN THE UN, AND SOLICIT UNDERSTANDING SUPPORT OF POSITION OF PEOPLE OF M.I. DISTRICT. (C) TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF M.I. DISTRICT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY

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AGREEMENT REACHED ON SUCH ISSUE SHALL NOT BE BINDING ON PEOPLE OF M.I.

DISTRICT UNTIL RATIFIED THROUGH A PLEBISCITE OR REFERENDUM. (D) TO CONDUCT POLITICAL EDUCATION WITHIN M.I. DISTRICT. (E) TO CONDUCT A STUDY

OF ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF DEMOCRATIC INTERNAL GOVERNMENT AVAILABLE, AND PREPARE BASIC CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS FOR SUBMISSION AS WORKING PAPERS

TO A M.I. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, IF THE SAME BE AUTHORIZED BY THE M.I. DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND MAY STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION AND TIMING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

(F) IT SHALL SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS CONCERNING ITS ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS ACT TO M.I. DISTRICT LEGISLATURE DURING ITS REGULAR SESSIONS. END QUOTE.

ADDITIONALLY, SECTION THREE EMPOWERS COMMISSION TO ENGAGE CONSULTANTS AND

ANY OTHER STAFF IT MAY REQUIRE, AND STATES COMMISSION "SHALL HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE, UNLESS SOONER TERMINATED BY M.I. DISTRICT LEGISLATURE."

5. SECTION FOUR APPROPRIATES \$25,000 FOR COMMISSION'S OPERATIONS. DORRANCE

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