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PASS TO DEPARTMENT INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA

STATE FOR ID/UNP COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS

WHITE HOUSE FOR HOLDRIDGE (NSC)

MARIANAS SEPARATISM: MISCELLANEOUS

1. SENATE HEARINGS AUG 24 ON CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (SEE MY RE-

UNCLASSIFIED TEL AUG 25) BROUGHT TO SURFACE ISSUE OF MARIANAS SEPARATISM WHICH EVERYBODY HAS KNOWN WAS BUBBLING UNDERGOUND. NOW IT HAS BURST OUT AND ITS EMERGENCE WILL LIKELY HAVE SIGNIFICANT

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INFLUENCE ON STATUS ISSUE AND THEREBY ON CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION
OF MICRONESIA'S FUTURE. KEY POINT IS WHETHER OR NOT IT IS LEGALLY
SOUND TO TREAT SEPARATELY WITH MARIANAS INSOFAR AS STATUS MATTERS
ARE CONCERNED. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS RESPONDED WITH
TENTATIVE OPINION THAT IT MUST BE DEALT WITH AS A WHOLE. AND
GONGRESS! LEGAL COUNSEL HAS RESOUNDINGLY STATED SIMILAR VIEW.
2. SEN BORJA (MARIANAS) TOLD ME HE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AMBAS.
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WILLIAMS THOUGHT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT MARIANAS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN PROSPECTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. BORJA AND REPRESENTATIVES GUERRERO AND SHODA OF THE MARIANAS HAVE STRESSED TO ME THEIR CONCERN THAT OTHER DISTRICTS DO NOT APPRECIATE NEED FOR U.S. DEFENSE.

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NOR THAT SUCH DEFENSE "IS OUR DEFENSE TOO", AND THAT THEY MIGHT

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SOMEDAY NEGOTIATE WITH ANOTHER TYPE OF COUNTRY SUCH AS USER. MARIANAS SPOKESMEN ALSO (AND PERHAPS THIS IS MORE FUNDAMENTAL TO THEIR THINK-ING)
POINT TO DIFFERENCES IN MARIANAS CULTURE AND SOCIETY FROM THOSE OF OTHER DISTRICTS, NOTING THAT MARIANAS HAVE NO CHIEFLY SYSTEM,
"ANYONE" CAN OWN LAND, AND A CAPABLE, HARD-WORKING MAN HAS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUCCESS. AS TRAINED LAWYER, SEN PANGELINAN IS TAKING LEAD IN PROBING LEGALITIES OF MARIANAS CAUSE.
3. SEN SALII (PALAU) LOOKS HARASSED AND OUT OF PATIENCE ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT IS WELL-CONTROLLED IN HIS CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCES AND

PAGE THREE RUHNSAA8477 C O N F I D E N T I A L INCISIVE QUESTIONS. SEN OLTER (PONAPE) RETAINS JOVIAL MANNER BUT AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS IS LEADING THE EXAMINATION OF THIS ISSUE WITH SKILL AND PERCEPTION. (DISTAD BOYD MACKENZIE TELLS ME HE CONSIDERS SALII AND OLTER, IN THAT ORDER, BEST BRAINS IN CONGRESS. TRENT. GDS 78

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