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SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT/SEC INTERIOR/DASTA OSN (TWO BILLS PASS) PONAPE, AUGUST 31 (MNS) --- TWO MORE BILLS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AS THE RESULT OF ACTION THURSDAY (AUGUST 31) BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. ONE OF THE MEASURE PROVIDES EMERGENCY FUNDS TO COPE WITH THE POWER CRISIS ON SAIPAN, AND THE OTHER APPROPRIATES SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTE ON FUTURE STATS.

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THE ACTIONS CAME AS BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUED TO HOLD SPLIT, MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS IN PONAPE. THERE ARE NOW TWO WORKING DAYS REMAINING IN THE SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH BEGAN ON AUGUST 14 AND IS DUE TO END SOMETIME SATURDAY.

THE FIRST BILL TO PASS CAME DURING THE MORNING SESSION OF THE HOUSE' AFTER A VERY SHORT DISCUSSION, A MEASURE EARMARKING \$200,000 DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT ON SAIPAN PASSED (SB 244). A FIRE DESTROYED THE MAIN POWER GENERATING PLANT ON THE TT HEADQUARTERS ISLAND JUST ONE DAY BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION BEGAN, AND THE CONGRESSMEN IMMEDIATELY MOVED THROUGH LEGISLATION TO ASSIST IN THE CRISIS. THE BILL IS THE SECOND TO BE SENT TO THE HICOM FROM THIS SESSION.

DURING THE EVENING SESSION OF THE SENATE, BILL NUMBER, THREE COMPLETED THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. BY ACCEPTING A HOUSE AMENDMENT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY, THE SENATORS GAVE FINAL APPROVAL TO A BILL THAT ALLOCATES \$115,000 DOLLARS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS (SB 236).

AS THE END OF THE SPECIAL SESSION NEARS, SEVERAL MAJOR PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE STILL PENDING. THE SENATE TOOK ACTION

PAGE FOUR RUHGSAA4054 UNCLAS ON ONE OF THEM THURSDAY, VOTING TO PASS ON SECOND READING THE BILL CALLING FOR A MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (SR 231). IF THIS MEASURE ALSO PASSES THE HOUSE, IT WILL PROBABLY BE MARKED AS THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SESSION.

AS PASSED BY THE SENATE, THE BILL IS IN QUITE A DIFFERENT FORM FROM ITS ORIGINAL VERSION. BY AMENDMENT, THE SENATE COMMITTER



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ON WAYS AND MEANS MADE SEVERAL CHANGES THAT TENDED TO BRING THE MEASURE MORE IN LINE WITH THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL. THEY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION TO 48 FROM 28. AND INCREASED THE APPROPRIATION CALLED FOR TO COVER THE ADDED EXPENSE. THEY ALSO AMENDED THE BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIRECT ELECTION OF THE DELEGATES, TWO FROM EACH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT, RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES TO MAKE THE DELEGATE SELECTION. SIX DELEGATES WILL STILL BE SELECTED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS, AND FROM EACH.

THMOST NOTEWORTHY ABOUT THE BILL IS THE FACT THAT THE MARIANA ISLAND DISTRICT IS INCLUDED DESPITE THE TESTIMONY OF MARIANAS MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS THAT THEY WANTED TO BE EXCLUDED. THE COMMITTEE, ON THE SENATE, VOTED TO GL ALONG WITH LEGAL OPINIONS THAT ONE DISTRICT COULD NOT BE WRITTEN OUT OF THE BILL.

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ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROVISION PROMPTED A FLOOR DEBATE, THE LONGEST OF THE SESSION SO FAR FOR HE SENATE. SENATORS EDWARD PANGELINAN AND OLYMPIO BORJA OF THE MARIANAS RESTATED THEIR REASONS WHY THE MARIANAS THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE XCLUDED FROM THE TRILL, AND RECEIVED IN RETURN REASSURANCES THAT INCLUSION OF THE MARIANAS WILL NOT IN ANY WAY BIND THE MARIANAS TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS. APPARENTLY, THE MARIANAS CAN STILL SIMPLY REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, AND IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THEY WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REJECT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

UNDER TERMS OF THE BILL AS PASSED BY THE SENATE, THE CONVENTION WOULD STILL BE HELD IN PALAU DISTRICT BEGINNING NEXT APRIL AND RUNNING FOR SIXTY DAYS, WHT THE DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED AS PART OF THE REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON NOVEMBER 7, 1972.

IN OTHER ACTION IN THE SENATE THRUSDAY, FIVE MORE BILLS WERE GIVEN FINAL PASSAGE AND SENT TO THE HOUSE, AND TWO WERE FILED. THOSE PASSED WERE! A MEASURE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX LAW BY EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION FARNING AND DEISHING BUSINESSES HAVING A GROSS ANNUAL REVENUE OF LESS THAN \$2,000 DOLLARS (SB 260); A BILL APPROPRIATING

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APPARENTLY "DISREGARDED" THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES.

"OR PERHAPS." HE SUGGESTED. "OUR REPRESENTATIVES WERE!

OUT-MANEUVERED. OUT-TALKED AND UNDER-MANNED AT THE BARGAINING
TABLE.

"OF COURSED THE COMMITTEE IS FRUSTRATED AT THE SLOW PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS, HE SAID, ADDING THE LAST FOUR YEARS, HE SAID, ADDING THE ALL ARE I THINK EVERY PERSON IN THIS CHAMBER AND IN THIS

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CONGRESS FEELS A SENSE OF INEFFECTIVENESS OVER THE PROGRESS OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT OUR EFFORTS WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.
OUR LABORS WILL BE FRUITFUL, BUT THIS WILL ONLY BE TRUE OF WE
ADHERE TO THOSE FOUR NON-NEGOTIABLE PRINCIPLES WHICH MUST CONTINUE
TO SERVE AS THE CORNERSTONES AND GUIDING TENETS OF OUR NEW
GOVERNMENT," SAID PALAU'S REPRESENTATIVE TOMOTHY OLKERIL.
(TMETUCHLON THE MARIANAS QUESTION)
PONAPE AUGUST 31 (MNS)...IN THE ENTIRE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA,
THERE IS NO MORE ARDENT ADVOCATE FOR SETTLING THE MARIANAS
QUESTION THAN PALAU'S SENATOR ROMAN TMETÜCHL, OTHER THAN THE
MEMBERS FROM THE MARIANAS THEMSELVES.

SENATOR THETUCHLIHAS LONG BEEN WARNING HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THEY WOULD SOONER OOR LATER HAVE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE SEPARATE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE MARIANAS. AND EARLIED IN THIS SESSION HE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD HAVE SANCTIONED THE SEPARATION OF THE MARIANAS PROVIDED THE U.S. AGREE TO PAY SOME COMPENSATION. THE MEASURE WAS FILED.

ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 31) SENATOR THETUCHL AGAIN SPOKE 307 /4
THE MARIANAS QUESTION. "FOR THREE SESSIONS," HELSAID. "WE HAVE
DODGED, FEINTED AND AVOIDED MAKING ANY STATEMENT OF POSITION ON

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THE DESIRE OF THE MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT FOR A STATUS APART
FROM THAT OF THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA..."

"I AM FULLY COGNIZANT," HE CONTINUED, "THAT THE NATURE OF OUR CULTURES IS TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF THE DIFFICULT ISSUES, HPOING EVENTUALLY THAT, GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME, A CONSENSUS WILL BE ACHIEVED OR THE PROBLEM WILL RESOLVE ITSELF...



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"BUT THIS ISSUE DOES NOT EXIST IN THE CONTENT OF VIPLAGE LIFE, AND WE ARE NOT MAKING OUR DELIBERATIONS OF THE RELATIVE ISOLATION OF OUR HOME ISLANDS, WHERE WE ARE ARE TO WAIT A LIFETIME IF NECESSARY BEFORE REACHING A SOLUTION TO DELICATE AND TROUBLESOME QUESTIONS.

"THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANSA AND THEIR LEADERS MAME TOLD US FOR YEARS OF THEIR STATUS DESIRES: THEY ARE RETYCHATING THEIR WISHES DURING THIS SESSION! AND THEY HAVE DON'T ALL BUT FLOAD NITH US TO ADOPT A FORMAL STATEMENT OF OUR THOUGHTS IN THE MAITER OF THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE.

"FAILING TO OBTAIN SUCH A RESPONSE," SAID SENATOR THETUCHL,
"THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE STATUS COMMITTEE GUITE DUSTIFIABLY, "
PROCEEDED TO INITIATE STEPS TO CHART THEIR OWN COURSE AT THE SANT TIME WE VIEWED THE FIRST OUTLINE OF THE TITLES AND SECTIONS OF OUR

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PROPOSED DRAFT COMPACT IN KORDE."

SENATOR TMETUCHE SAID HIS RESOLUTION, WHICH THE SENATE FILED, WAS NOT INTRODUCED WITH ANY HUMEROUS INTENT, AND HE SAID HE HAS "GREATLY DISTURBED AND BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED WHEN, AFTER CAREFULLY EXPLAINING THAT I SIMPLY INTENTED THE RESOLUTION AS A VEHICLE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE, ONLY THREE OTHER SENATORS HAD THE INTEREST AND CONCERN TO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE.

"THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US, "ME SAID, "WHO SUDDENLY FEEL THE SOLUTION LIES IN THE COURTS. THEY HAVE MOW ATTACHED THEMSELVES TO THE PROPOSITION THAT THE MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT IS LEGALLY BOUND TO THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND MUST PARTICIPATE IN A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVESTION AND PLESISCITE WITH THE OTTOLL DISTRICTS. THIS MAY BE SO. BUT ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES THAT THE QUESTION OF THE MARIANAS FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS IS A LEGAL QUESTION TO BE SETTLED BY LITIGATION IS FOOLISHLY AND DANGEROUSLY DELUDING HIMSELF.

"THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANSA IS A POLITICAL ISSUE -- A GUT EMOTIONAL QUESTION WHOSE DETERMINATION ALL THE LEGAL BRIEFS IN THE WORLD WILL NOT CHANGE...
"THE GRANDEST DELUSION OF ALL, HOWEVER," SAID THE PALAU

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SENATOR: "THE FOLLY WITH THE GRAVEST IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR

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POLITICALE UNITY, IS THAT ALTHOUGH MOST OF US DESIDE THE SIX DISTRICTS TO ENTER AS A UNIT INTO A NEW POLITICAL STATUS, RY FAILING TO TAKE ACTION IN THE CASE OF THE MAPIABAS DISTRICT WE HAVE, IRONICALLY, FACILITATED FUTURE WITHDRAWALS BY ANY OTHER DISTRICTS. NOW ALL ANY OTHER DISTRICTS WAS TO DO TO COMMENCE ACTION TOWARD A DIFFERENT POLITICAL STATUS IS TO CONTACT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND REQUEST SEPARATE TALKS. THE MARIANAS ESTABLISHED THE PRECEDENT AND OTHER DISTRICTS CAN FOLLOW. THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO SUCH A REQUEST, WE RECOME FACED WITH THE STRONG POSSIBILITY OF LOSING A SECOND DISTRICT.

SENATOR TMETUCHL SAID THAT BY ITS SILENCE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS "INDICATED TO THE UNITED STATES QUE TACIT APPROVAL OF THE SEPARATION OF THE MARIANAS..." HE SAID THIS SEPARATION SADDENS HIM, BUT HE RECOGNIZES IT AS A REALITY. AND CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY WISHING THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT "GODSPEED AND A SUCESSFUL JOURNEY AS THEY CHART THEIR OWN UNIQUE POLITICAL SOURSE."

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(MARIANAS STATUS MEET)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS) -- THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL
STATUS COMMISSION CONTINUED ITS FIRST MEETING ON SAIPAN
FRIDAY (SEPT. 8). AFTER SELECTING CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN AS ITS CHAIRMAN THURSDAY, THE
COMMISSION MOVED INTO A DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED FORMAT
FOR THE STATUS TALKS WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE UNITED
STATES.

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DURING THE FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, THE 15-MEMBER
COMMISSION APPROVED IN GENERAL TERMS THE SUBJECTS WHICH WILL
BE TAKEN UP IN THREE APPASSAMENT LAND REQUIREMENTS:
FINANCIAL SUPPORT: AND THE U.S. WILL OFFER IN A PERMANENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE MARIANAS.

CONCERNING THE LAND REQUIREMENTS, THE COMMISSION INDICATED IT WILL WANT TO FIND OUT FROM THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM THE APPROXIMATE TIMING OF THE U.S. MILITARY'S RETURN TO THE MARIANAS, AND THE AMOUNT OF LAND, THAT WILL BE REQUIRED. THE COMMISSION MEMBERS ALSO DECIDED TO REQUEST THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF THE STATUS TALKS, THE TRUST IFRITORY ADMINISTRATION BE ENJOINED FROM PROVIDING ANY EURTHER LAND TO FOREIGN INVESTORS EXCEPT IN URGENT CASES WHERE THE BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS IS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED. IN THESE CASES, THE COMMISSION WILL RECOMMEND THAT ITS APPROVAL BE SOUGHT.

IN THE AREA OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SOME COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTED THE CHAIRMAN, SENATOR PANGELINAN, TO DISCUSS DURING THE FIRST, INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE U.S., THE SEPARATION OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS BUDGET FROM THE BUDGETS OF THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR

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1975. OPPOSITION TO THIS POSITION WAS EXPRESSED BY CONGRESS
OF MICRONESIA REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN Q. GUERRERO, WHO POINTED
OUT THAT THE MAPIANAS DISTRICT IS RECEIVING SUBSTANTIAL
BENEFITS FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE MATTER
HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED AS OF EARLY FRIDAY AFTERNOON, WITH THE





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MEETING CONTINUING.

STILL ON THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMISSION TO TAKE UP ARE SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE STATUS ISSUE, AND SELECTION OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE COMMISSION.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, SENATOR PANGELINAN AND REPRESENTATIVE GUERRERO SAID THEY INTEND TO TAKE PART IN THE NEXT ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN HAWAII BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, AS OBSERVERS REPRESENTING THE MARIANAS POSITION. THEY SAID THEY WILL ASK FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THOSE TALKS, TO BEGIN LAYING PLANS FOR THE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS. IN ADDITION TO PANGELINAN AND GUERRERO.,

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COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN VICENTE N. SANTOS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE
IN THE MEETING WITH WILLIAMS.
(LABOR)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS) -- DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY HAVE BEEN REMINDED THAT UP-TO-DATE RECORDS MUST BE KEPT ON THEIR EMPLOYEES.

WYMAN X. ZACHARY, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, SAID THE REMINDER WENT OUT TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN A LETTER FROM WILLIAM E. MOONEY, ACTING CHIEF OF THE LABOR DIVISION, THROUGH THE OFFICES OF THE SIX DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS.

THE LETTER CONTAINED A REMINDER THAT THE RECORDS KEPT BY EMPLOYERS SHALL BE MADE READILY AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES FOR INSPECTION BY THE CHIEF OF LABOR OR HIS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE. IT ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO SECTION 12 OF PUBLIC LAW 3C-44. THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS ACT. AS AMENDED.

"THE LAW IS EXPLICIT AND CLEARLY WRITTEN," MOONEY



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(MARIANAS STATUS)

SAIPAN AUG 17 (MNS) -- THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION HAS BEEN NAMED, ACCORDING TO DISTRICT
LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS. THE
FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, CHOSEN FROM
VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE MARIANAS
DISTRICT ACCORDING TO THE LAW ESTABLISHING THE

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THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, AND THE CATEGORIES THEY REPRESENT ARE VICENTE N. SANTOS AND FELIPE A. SALES (MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE): EDWARD LDG PANGELINAN AND HERMAN Q. GUERRERO (CONGRESS OF MICRONFSIA): BENJAMIN'T. MANGLONA AND JOANNES R. TAIMANAO (ROTA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL): HERMAN N. MANGLONA AND FRANCISCO A. HOCOG (TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL): VICENTE T CAMACHO AND DANIEL T MUNA (SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL): OLYMPIO TBORJA I REPRESENTS NORTHERN MARIANAS): JOAQUIN T. PANGELINAN (POPULAR PARTY): FRANCISCO T PALACIOS (TERRITORTAL PARTY): FELIX RARAULIMAN (UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION): AND JOSE C. TENORIO (BUSINESS ASSOCIATION).

THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. IN CREATING THE COMMISSION . STATED THAT THE PEOPLE OF

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THE MARIANAS DESIRE A CLOSE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE U.S., A STATUS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THE
REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICTS WANT.

ACCORDING TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT

FORMATURE: THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS REACHED

A REVIATIVE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL



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STATUS--THE "FREE-ASSOCIATION STATUS"--NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS. AND THE LEGISLATURE FEELS THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD THEIR OWN SOLUTION OF THIS IMPORTANT PROBLEM.

THE LEGISLATURE, IN SEEKING FOR A DIFFERENT POLITICAL STATUS, NOTED THAT PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT CALL FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORIES.

AMONG THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILIES OF THE COMMISSION, IT WILL MAKE NECESSARY STUDIES REGARDING FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANAS, LEADING

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TOWARD A CLOSE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
U.S. TO DO THIS, IT WILL ESTABLISH CONTACTS AND
DISCUSS THE STATUS ISSUE WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS
AND AGENCIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED
NATIONS, SOLICITING UNDERSTANDING SUPPORT FOR THE
POSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS.

THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMNT ON THE STATUS QUESTION AS WELL AS CONDUCTING A PLEBISCITE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OF RATIFYING THE STATUS ISSUE.

IN HIS REMARKS OPENING THE CURRENT REGULAR
SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, PRESIDENT SANTOS INDICATED
THAT HE EXPECTS THAT THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION
WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES
IN SAN FRANCISCO SOMETIME NEXT MONTH.
(MANGEFEL ON STATUS)

YAP AUG 17 (MNS) -- - WHILE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BEGINS TO DEBATE ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS ISSUE AT ITS SPECIAL SESSION IN PONAPE, A REPORT FROM YAP DISTRICT SAYS THAT DISTRICT HAS REAFFIRMED ITS STRONG STAND BEHINE THE FREE ASSOCIATION

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