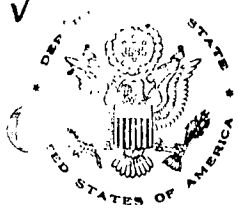


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KMARIANAS STATUS)

SAIPAN OCT 18 (MNS)---MARIANAS SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN SAID THIS WEEK THAT THE FIRST FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE PLACE "PROBABLY DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER, ON SAIPAN."

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PANGELINAN, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION, SAID THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE MATTERS HE AND VICE-CHAIRMAN VICENTE N. SANTOS DISCUSSED IN INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS IN HAWAII EARLIER THIS MONTH. WILLIAMS IS PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND AS SUCH, HE WILL HEAD THE U.S. TEAM WHICH TRAVELS TO SAIPAN IN DECEMBER TO MEET WITH THE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS.

PANGELINAN TOLD MNS THAT THE INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH WILLIAMS IN HAWAII INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE MARIANAS GROUP AND THE U.S. DELEGATION, AS WELL AS PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO CONTINUE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WHICH DEAL WITH THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS OF THE PRESENT TRUST TERRITORY.

THE MARIANAS LAWMAKER SAID THAT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DECEMBER MEETINGS WILL BE LARGELY FORMAL AND CEREMONIAL IN NATURE, WITH BOTH SIDES EXPECTED TO IDENTIFY THE ISSUES TO BE

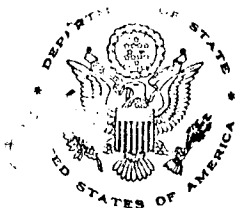
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DISCUSSED IN FUTURE MEETINGS. THESE WOULD INCLUDE, HE SAID, SUCH MATTERS AS LAND AND MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IN THE MARIANAS, THE QUESTION OF FINANCE, AND ALTERNATE FORMS OF FUTURE STATUS WHICH BOTH SIDES MIGHT LIKE TO EXPLORE.

ACCORDING TO PANGELINAN, IT IS HOPED THAT FORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE FULL DELEGATIONS TO THESE MARIANAS

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NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD NATURALLY BE TIMES WHEN SENSITIVE ISSUES WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, BUT INDICATED THAT HE FEELS THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS SHOULD BE "INVOLVED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE IN THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON THEIR FUTURE."

PANGELINAN SAID THAT THE MARIANAS COMMISSION APPROACHES THE COMING MEETINGS WITH OPTIMISM THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN CONTINUE SMOOTHLY. AT THE MOMENT, HE SAID, MOST MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AND ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE THAT OUT OF THE WAY SO THAT INTENSE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN PROCEED. THE SENATOR ADDED THAT EFFORTS TO HIRE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE COMMISSION ARE CONTINUING, AND SAID THAT SEVERAL "VERY

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QUALIFIED" PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING AS CONSULTANTS TO THE COMMISSION.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: STATEMENTS FROM THE PLENARY SESSIONS AT THE HAWAII STATUS TALKS FROM EARLIER THIS MONTH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION. THESE STATEMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF HIGHLIGHTS, DATED OCTOBER 20. THE SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.)

(CENSUS)

SAIPAN OCT 18 (CENSUS RELEASE 72-2) - PLANS FOR THE 1973 CENSUS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, TO BE CARRIED OUT IN DEPTH AND AS COMPREHENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE ARE NOW GOING FORWARD, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK. A TARGET DATE OF MID-MAY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR CENSUS NIGHT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TERRITORY.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CENSUS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF DETAILED DATA THAT WILL PERMIT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO RE-APPROPRIATE THE ELECTORIAL DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR 2918, AS AMENDED, AND TO PROVIDE THE SIX DISTRICT

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