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STATUS OF THE MARIANAS; COMMENTS FROM LOCAL LEADERS  
1. SINCE RETURNING SAIPAN I HAVE HAD OCCASION DISCUSS MARIANAS  
STATUS WITH SEN EDWARD PANGELINAN, DISTAD FRANCISCO ADA AND DISTRICT

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LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE SANTOS. WHILE THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL  
VARIATIONS, ALL SING SIMILAR THEME: DEVELOPMENT OF MARIANAS' FUTURE  
RELATIONS WITH U.S. WILL NOT BE EASY; THERE ARE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS,  
MOST COMPLEX OF WHICH IS LAND QUESTION; WHILE EVENTUAL REUNION WITH  
GUAM IS NOT TO BE DISCOUNTED, MARIANAS MUST HAVE TIME TO ACHIEVE  
THEIR  
OWN ECONOMIC FOOTING FIRST ("GUAM WOULD SWALLOW US ALIVE AT PRESENT",  
SAID PANGELINAN.)  
2. DURING MY INTRODUCTORY CALL AT DISTAD OFFICE, ADA, REMARKING THAT  
HE DOESN'T EXPECT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS TO BE SMOOTH GOING, SAID HE  
THOUGHT ROTA MIGHT CONSTITUTE A PROBLEM BY DEMANDING "SEPARATE RE-

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COGNITION OF SOME KIND." HE ALSO THOUGHT CAROLINIAN GROUP MIGHT PROVE SOMETHING OF AN OBSTACLE AND NOTED THAT THEY OWN SOME OF THE BEST AND MOST VALUABLE SEASIDE PROPERTY.

3. ON SUBJECT OF STATUS FOR OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS, ADA COMMISERATED WITH SALII, WHO, HE SAID, WAS HIS OLD FRIEND AND CLASSMATE AT UNIVERSITY

OF HAWAII. HE SAID THEY HAD TALKED TOGETHER AT SOME LENGTH SINCE SALII'S RETURN TO SAIPAN, BUT HE DIVULGED NO CONTENT OF THIS DISCUSSION.

NOTING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AT PONAPE AND BARBERS POINT, ADA COMMENTED IT MIGHT BE WORTH TRYING NEW APPROACH AND SUGGESTED REFERENDUM ON TYPE OF STATUS BE CONDUCTED AS SOON AS FEASIBLE. I.E. BEFORE

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SPECIFIC TERMS OF EACH TYPE ARE HAMMERED OUT.

4. PANGELINAN VERY HOSPITABLY TOOK ME ON A TOUR OF THE ISLAND OCT 18 AND WHILE WE LOOKED AT JAPANESE WAR MEMORIALS HE DISCUSSED JAPANESE ECONOMIC PENETRATION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING CARRIED ON UNDER THE COUNTER. HE SAID HE DIDN'T MIND THEIR SPUR TO MARIANAS ECONOMY BUT WAS APPREHENSIVE OF UNDUE INFLUENCE THIS COULD ENTAIL. HE COMMENTED

ON HEAVY AND GROWING JAPANESE AND CHINESE INVESTMENT IN GUAM AND ASKED

RHETORICALLY, "WHERE ARE THE GUAMANIAN? PRETTY SOON THEY'LL FIND THEMSELVES WITHOUT ANY LAND AT ALL."

5. ON STATUS, PANGELINAN CONFIRMED THAT MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION, OF

WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN, EXPECTS TO HAVE OPENING MEETING WITH AMB WILLIAMS

IN SAIPAN SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION RE ORGANIZ-

ATION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMISSION, PANGELINAN SAID IT HAS BEEN FUNDED BY DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND WILL REPORT TO IT. HIS REPLY WAS HAZY AS TO WHETHER LEGISLATURE CAN REJECT OR OVERRIDE REPORT.

6. PANGELINAN SAID HE IS VERY BUSY WITH CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF POPULAR PARTY OF WHICH HERMAN GUERRERO IS PRESIDENT. HE ASSERTED PARTY HAS 70 PERCENT OF VOTES IN MARIANAS AND HE FELT CONFIDENT PRESENT CONGRESSMEN

AND SEN BORJA (WHO HAS SWITCHED FROM TERRITORIAL PARTY) WILL BE RETURNED.

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7. WHEN I CALLED ON SANTOS OCT 20 HE LAUNCHED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY INTO VIGOROUS PRESENTATION OF LAND ISSUE WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE MOST COMPLEX PROBLEM IN MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. SANTOS STRESSED THAT HE WAS REFERRING NOT JUST TO LAND FOR MILITARY USE, BUT TO THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF LAND AS A WHOLE, INVOLVING RESTITUTION FOR LAND TAKEN WITHOUT COMPENSATION. AS ILLUSTRATION, HE POINTED TO ROADS CONSTRUCTED FOR PUBLIC USE ON LAND FOR WHICH NO COMPENSATION PAID. HE FELT SETTLEMENT OF SUCH PROBLEM IS URGENT, NOTING THAT INFLATION INCREASES VALUE OF LAND EACH YEAR. HE FAVORS ESTABLISHMENT OF LAND COURT TO ADJUDICATE CLAIMS.  
8. SANTOS SPOKE WITH EVIDENT BITTERNESS OF SCHEME WHEREBY CONTINENTAL HOTELS WOULD BUILD ON PRIME SITE AT MICRO BEACH, AND ASSERTED HICOM DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT TO MAKE WHAT HE CALLED "UNDER THE TABLE ARRANGEMENT" WITH CONTINENTAL. HE DECLARED "HANDOUTS OF LAND RIGHTS MUST STOP."  
9. SANTOS DESCRIBED PROSPECTIVE SCENARIO FOR DECEMBER STATUS TALKS ALONG LINE HE DISCUSSED WITH AMB IN HONOLULU, AND THOUGHT SUBSTANTIVE SESSION COULD PROBABLY FOLLOW FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS LATER. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE PUBLIC OPENING OF TALKS, EVEN THOUGH CEREMONIAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE, SO PEOPLE COULD SEE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED.  
10 SANTOS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN PROSPECTS OF POPULAR PARTY AND

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DESCRIBED OPPOSING TERRITORIAL PARTY AS BEING IN COMPLETE DISARRAY (" THEY EVEN PROMISED A BASKETBALL COURT AND WATER SUPPLY TO ONE VILLAGE WHEN THE VILLAGE HAS HAD BOTH FOR MONTHS"). HE SAID CAROLINIANS, LINKED PARTICULARLY WITH TRUK AND YAP HAVE CUSTOMARILY FOUND POLITICAL HOME WITH TERRITORIALS, BUT YOUNGER GENERATION FEELS IT BELONGS TO MARIANAS AND IS SWITCHING PARTY ALLEGIANCE.  
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