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ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ARE DELEGATED TO THREE
STANDING COMMITTEES WHICH WILL UNDERTAKE MUCH OF THE PRELIMINARY
STUDIES AND INVESTIGATION OF THE COMMISSION ON MATTERS PERTAINING
TO AND RELATING TO THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANAS.
THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION ARE THE COMMITTEE ON
MILITARY AND LAND MATTERS, CHAIRED BY MR DANIEL T MUNA, THE
COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS, CHAIRED BY MR
HERMAN O GUERRERO, AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND
SOCIAL MATTERS, CHAIRED BY MR JOSE C. TENORIO. A COMMITTEE ON
RULES, CHAIRED BY MR JOAQUIN I. PANGELINAN IS ALSO CREATED FOR
THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMISSION.
DURING THE SECOND MEETING HELD LAST WEEKEND, MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE
RELATIVE TO THE FORTHCOMING FORMAL NEGOTIATION ON THE FUTURE
POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS AND

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THE UNITED STATES WERE DISCUSSED. THE COMMISSION WAS INSTRUCTED
CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN TO TRAVEL TO THE MAINLAND BY LATE NOVEMBER
TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, TO FIRM UP PRELIMINARY PLANS
FOR THE HISTORIC FORMAL MEETING BETWEEN THE MARIANAS POLITICAL
STATUS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, TO BE
HELD SOMETIME IN DECEMBER IN SAIPAN. WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES,
CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN WILL ALSO SPEND HIS TIME INTERVIEWING
PROSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS WHO WILL ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN ITS
WORK LEADING TOWARD FORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

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