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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED 1800 HOURS
DEC 14 BY MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND U.S. DELEGATION.
COMMUNIQUE WAS SIGNED FOR MARIANAS COMMISSION BY CHAIRMAN EDWARD
DLG PANGELINAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN VICENTE N. SANTOS AND FOR U.S.
DELEGATION BY AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS.
JOINT COMMUNIQUE

THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE PRESIDENT'S
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE MET IN SAIPAN DECEMBER 13-14, 1972 FOR

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THE FORMAL OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE MARIANAS WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING UNION BETWEEN THE MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE MEETINGS CONSISTED OF A FESTIVE INAUGURAL CEREMONY, A PUBLIC PLENARY OPENING SESSION AND INFORMAL WORKING TALKS. THESE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WARM EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF A FUTURE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL BENEFIT ALL CONCERNED.

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BOTH SIDES REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THE REPEATED EXPRESSIONS OF THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS, AS EXPRESSED BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, FOR A "CLOSE AND PERMANENT AFFILIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES," CULMINATING IN THE FORMAL REQUEST BY THE MARIANAS LAST APRIL TO BEGIN TALKS LEADING TO SUCH A STATUS AND THE RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES INDICATING ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEDE TO THE MARIANAS' WISHES.

THERE WERE NO DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS OR EXCHANGES OF FORMAL PROPOSALS DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETINGS, BUT THERE WAS ON BOTH SIDES A FRIENDLY AND FRANK EXPLORATION OF THE QUESTIONS AND ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED IN THE COURSE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL FOLLOW. THE EXCHANGES THAT TOOK PLACE ALLOWED BOTH SIDES TO UNDERSTAND MORE PRECISELY THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER.

PLANS AND PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATING SESSION WERE WORKED OUT. THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH WILL CONCENTRATE ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE, WILL BE HELD IN THE MARIANAS IN THE SPRING OF 1973. IT WAS AGREED THAT ADVANCE PRELIMINARY WORK WILL PERMIT THE OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS TO MOVE SWIFTLY TO AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC

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PRINCIPLES OF THE RELATIONSHIP, LEAVING TO OTHER TECHNICAL GROUPS OR SUB-COMMITTEES THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTUAL LANGUAGE WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS OF A FINAL AGREEMENT.

THE U.S. DELEGATION WISHES TO RECORD ITS HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARILY WARM AND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY WHICH THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS HAVE ACCORDED THEM, A SPIRIT WHICH MAKES FOR HARMONIOUS RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

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BOTH SIDES EXPRESS WARM THANKS TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MARIANAS AND THEIR STAFFS, AND THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAIPAN FOR THE SUPPORT AND FACILITIES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TALKS.

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