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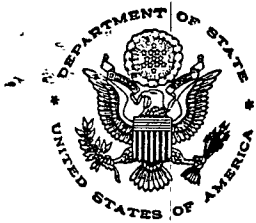
SUBJECT: REMARKS OF SENATOR PANGELINAN ON SALLI'S RESOLUTION ON
FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT TAKEN FROM SENATE JOURNAL OF
REMARKS MADE BY MARIANAS SENATOR E. PANGELINAN ON ABOVE RESOLUTION
(SJR 38), FEBRUARY 17.

BEGIN TEXT. MR. PRESIDENT, BEFORE I CAST MY VOTE ON THAT IMPORTANT
REPORT, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST ADDRESS MYSELF TO A FEW ITEMS IN THE
REPORT ON WHICH: I THINK THE RECORD SHOULD BE CLEAR. I AM VERY DISTURBED
WITH THE TONING OF THIS REPORT. IT MAY BE COINCIDENTALLY
OR INTENTIONALLY DETERMINED TO SEND IT TO THE FLOOR AT THIS TIME IN
VIEW OF OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS.

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FIRST, I THINK THERE IS A MISLEADING STATEMENT THROUGHOUT THE REPORT ON THE FIRST ITEM RELATIVE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY. I THINK THE RECORD IS CLEAR, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE GO OVER OUR JOURNALS AND REALIZE THE NUMBER OF MEASURES AND RESOLUTIONS THAT HAVE COME TO THE CONGRESS FROM THE ONE DISTRICT IN QUESTION, AND THAT IS THE EXPRESSION OF SENTIMENT BY THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT RELATIVE TO THEIR ASPIRATION FOR A DIFFERENT STATUS.

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FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS WE REALIZED THAT THIS ONE DISTRICT HAD ARTICULATED ASPIRATIONS FOR CLOSER TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT EXPRESSED ITSELF DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS ON THIS PROBLEM, BUT BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING DEMANDS OF THE DISTRICT TO BE HEARD ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER, AND BECAUSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE ON AN ASPIRATION THAT IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT FINALLY RECEIVED THE CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, FOR THE RECORD, THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN AN ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES -- AS A MATTER OF FACT, OUR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN MOST DISAPPOINTED THAT THIS MATTER WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN A PERIOD OF THE YEARS. A FEW DAYS AGO, I SUBMITTED A REPORT, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT. IF YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT, IT EXPRESSES VERY CLEARLY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NEVER BEEN THE INITIATING BODY. IT IS VERY CLEARLY SPELLED OUT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT THE PRESENT

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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS AND THE UNITED STATES IS NOT TO FRAGMENT THE TRUST TERRITORY. I THINK THE RECORD IS CLEAR ON THAT POINT. BUT, THERE IS THE INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS MICRONESIA IS GOING TO FIND ITS OWN DETERMINATION OF THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF POLITICAL STATUS AND, AT THAT POINT, WHEN THE TERMINATION TAKES PLACE, EACH ONE OF US IS GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR THE BEST STATUS FOR THEIR PARTICULAR CONSTITUENTS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT MICRONESIA WILL BECOME ONE, BUT THE REALITIES OF LIFE IN OUR TERRITORY POINTS OUT THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS FACETS IN LIFE, THAT

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SOMEHOW THIS UNITY IS NOT POSSIBLE IF WE CONTINUE OUR PRESENT NEGOTIATING APPROACH. I REALIZE THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN THE DETERMINATION OF FUTURE STATUS AND I REALIZE ALSO THAT PERHAPS THIS IS THE BEST BODY THAT CAN APPROACH THIS MATTER. UNFORTUNATELY, LOOKING AT THE STATUS QUESTION, I CANNOT FAIL TO REALIZE THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE PERHAPS IS NOT GETTING THE BEST DEAL OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. OUR ACTIONS DURING THE LAST SPECIAL SESSION IN PONAPE INDICATED ANOTHER MANDATE WAS GIVEN TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE

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DISCUSSION OF INDEPENDENCE. MY CONCERN IS THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE ON A DIFFERENT STATUS -- THAT SOME MINORITY GROUP IN THE TRUST TERRITORY DO NOT HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO ARTICULATE. I HOPE THAT IN ADOPTING THIS REPORT, WE DO NOT GIVE THE MISLEADING IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK APART THE TRUST TERRITORY AND AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO MECHANISM, OTHER THAN AN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT BY THAT PARTICULAR GROUP TO EXPRESS THEIR ASPIRATIONS, FOR A BALLOT OR A PLEBISCITE TO TAKE PLACE SO THEY ARE FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR CHOICE OF STATUS OR WHAT IS BEST FOR THEM. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT THIS REPORT IS PRETTY MUCH ONESIDED, AND, THEREFORE, I CANNOT SUPPORT IT AT THIS TIME. END TEXT. TRENT

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