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SUBJECT: CONVERSATIONS WITH MARIANAS DELEGATION

1. PURSUANT WILLIAMS-TRENT TELECON, STATUS LIAISON OFFICER AUTHORIZED INFORM SENATOR PANGELINAN THAT IT IS DEFINITE U.S. INTENTION WORK OUT WITH MARIANAS DELEGATION DURING COURSE OF FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT MARIANAS SPECIAL STATUS BETWEEN CONCLUSION OF NEW AGREEMENT ON MARIANAS FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP. LATTER CAN BE EFFECTED LEGALLY ONLY FOR ALL DISTRICTS SIMULTANEOUSLY. EXACT TRANSITION MODALITIES WILL BE WORKED OUT AS INTEGRAL PART OF MAIN NEGOTIATIONS UNDER HEADING OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (IFYI ONLY. EXACT U.S. POSITION NOW IN PROCESS OF FINAL FORMULATION) BUT ALL ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION PROVIDE FOR POSITIVE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS).

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2. REGARDING PREPARATION OF MARIANAS DELEGATION TO RECEIVE U.N. VISITING MISSION ON MARCH 1, STATUS LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT WITH DELEGATION AND POSSIBLY LAWYER JIM F. WHITE, DELEGATION COUNSEL, TO IMPRESS ON THEM IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON THEIR TAKING FIRM AND POSITIVE LINE IN FORTH-COMING HEARINGS. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE LAID ON NEED FOR CLEAR RECORD, WITH STATEMENTS REDUCED TO WRITING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

3. AMONG OTHER POINTS, BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL TO STRESS:

A. CONSISTENCY OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPARATE TALKS WITH TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT (DRAWING ON ATTORNEY GENERAL AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OPINIONS).

B. AT HANA JCFS ACKNOWLEDGED DESIRE OF MARIANAS DELEGATION FOR SEPARATE STATUS AND AT KOROR IT ACQUIESCED IN PRESENTATION OF MARIANAS PETITION TO U.S. DELEGATION. RELEVANT PORTIONS OF 1969 JOINT COM COMMISSION REPORT MAY ALSO PROVE USEFUL.

C. ACTION OF MARIANAS REPS IN COM AND MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE BASED ON WILL OF PEOPLE (PLEBISCITES, SURVEYS, ELECTION RESULTS, ETC.)

D. IN ANY CASE, ANY FUTURE AGREEMENT WILL BE PUT TO PEOPLE FOR APPROVAL IN EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION.

4. THROUGHOUT IT YOU SHOULD CONTINUOUSLY EMPHASIZE WITH MARIANAS DELEGATION THAT U.S. IS DETERMINED TO STAND BEHIND THEM IN THEIR REPRESENTATION OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THEIR DISTRICT. ROGERS

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