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SUBJECT: VIEWS FROM TINIAN

1. VISIT TO TINIAN MARCH 29-30 AFFORDED ME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
DISTADREP FRANCISCO CHONG, MAKE COMPLETE TOUR OF ISLAND UNDER
GUIDANCE OF HIS ASSISTANT LNO LIZAMA, SEE FORMER USAF AIRFIELDS
INCLUDING A-BOMB PITS, VISIT VILLAGE SCHOOL AND MEET TEACHERS, OBSERVE
SOMETHING OF LOCAL VEGETABLE FARMING AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM, AND NOTE
EXTENT AND NATURE OF 8,000 ACRE "BAR K RANCH" OPERATED BY FORMER SEA-
BEE KENNETH JONES WHO HAS EXTENSIVE RANGE OF BUSINESS INTERESTS
IN MARIANAS INCLUDING GUAM. VISIT PROVIDED INSIGHT INTO TINIAN'S
VIEWS OF ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.
2. ON ALL SIDES I FOUND EAGER AND ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST ABOUT THE COMI
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OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY. "WHEN WILL THEY BE HERE?" WAS THE GIST OF EAGER QUESTIONS. CHONG SEEMED TO DESCRIBE GENERAL HALCYON VIEW OF THE BONANZA PRESUMABLY AWAITING TINIAN WHEN HE SAID: "THE FARMERS CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE DAY WHEN THE U.S. MILITARY TRUCKS WILL BACK UP TO THEIR GATES, PAY FOR THE PRODUCE, AND TAKE IT AWAY. A MARKET AT THE DOOR AND NO DISTRIBUTION PROBLEM!" REGARDING THE MILITARY, CHONG MENTIONED ONLY ONE RESERVATION; HE SAID THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMMUNITION WHARF SUCH AS HAD BEEN ENVISAGED FOR SILLA BAY ON GUAM.

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3. CHONG SPOKE OF CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE

PLANS FOR TINIAN. HE SAID PEOPLE OF TINIAN ARE COMPLETELY WITH SAIPANESE ON DESIRE FOR CLOSE AND PERMANENT ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. HE TOOK OBVIOUS PRIDE IN REPORTING A NEWLY-ORGANIZED FARMERS' COOPERATIVE WITH 44 MEMBERS WHO WERE WORKING TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION NOW THAT THEY HAVE THEIR CIVIC ACTION TEAM-CONSTRUCTED IRRIGATION SYSTEM. I ALSO LEARNED THAT A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR HOMESTEADING LANDS ON THE ISLAND HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DISTAD IN SAIPAN FOR ACTION; CHONG AND LIZAMA POINTED OUT THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE RELATIVELY EASY TO PROCESS SINCE, GIVEN THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF THE PRESENT CHAMORRO POPULATION, NOW NUMBERING SOME 350, THERE ARE NO CONFLICTING CLAIMS OR TRADITIONAL LAND DISPUTES TO BE SETTLED. (CHAMORROS RETURNED TO TINIAN IN 1948 FROM A LONG PERIOD OF LIVING IN YAP.) IN ANSWER TO MY INQUIRY AS TO WHO HAD DONE THE FIELD WORK WHEN THE JAPANESE RAN TINIAN AS PART OF THEIR SUGAR PLANTATIONS IN THE MARIANAS, I WAS TOLD THAT THEY HAD IMPORTED OKINAWAN AND KOREAN LABOR.

4. CHONG SAID THE REPORTS OF THE EXPECTED COMING OF THE MILITARY HAVE BROUGHT NUMEROUS VISITORS TO TINIAN, MOSTLY BUSINESSMEN SEEKING CONTACTS WITH AN EYE TO FUTURE CONTRACTS. THESE ARE AMERICANS, HE

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SAID, MENTIONING A RETIRED U.S. ADMIRAL ON THE LIST. CHONG SAID HE HAD INFORMED ALL COMERS THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. MILITARY PLANS, AND HE COMMENTED THAT THE VISITORS "JUST LOOK AROUND."



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QUERIED ABOUT JAPANESE VISITORS, OF WHOM I HAD NOTED A YOUNG COUPLE BOARDING THE PLANE FOR GUAM. CHONG SAID ONLY A FEW COME, AND THEIR PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS WAR REMAINS.

5. MOST CONSPICUOUS ECONOMIC VENTURE ON TINIAN IS THAT KNOWN WIDELY IN THE TT AS KEN JONES' RANCH. JONES HAS UNDER LEASE FROM TT, ACCORDING

TO CHONG, SOME 8,000 ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND WITH A CURRENT APPLICATION TO EXTEND HIS PASTURAGE ONTO MILITARY RETENTION LAND. (CHONG THOUGHT THE APPLICATION HAD BEEN MADE TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE.) CHONG OBSERVED THAT JONES' PRESENT HOLDING IS APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE ISLAND, AND THAT THE OTHER TWO-THIRDS IS ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN PRIVATE HOLDINGS AND MILITARY RETENTION AREAS. ON HIS LEASED LAND JONES HAS SOME 4,000 BEEF CATTLE AND 2,000 HOGS. I SAW HIS NEW SLAUGHTER HOUSE AND FREEZING FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, UTILIZING A PARTIALLY-DESTROYED HEAVY CONCRETE STRUCTURE THAT HAD ONCE BEEN A POWER HOUSE IN JAPANESE TIMES. SOME BEEF WAS BEING PROCESSED AT TIME OF MY VISIT.

6. ACCORDING TO CHONG, JONES ALSO HAS PLANS TO ERECT A 100-ROOM HOTEL

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ON PART OF HIS LAND. IT IS TO BE OPERATED AS A DUDE RANGE, CHONG SAID.

7. WITH REGARD TO SCHOOLING, CHONG SAID THAT LIKE ALMOST EVERY ISLAND TINIAN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ITS OWN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT THIS WOULDN'T BE FEASIBLE. ITS SCHOOL THEREFORE TAKES STUDENTS THROUGH NINTH GRADE, AND TINIAN'S 35 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED ON SAIPAN AND GUAM.

8. BACK ON SAIPAN, A SIX-MINUTE FLIGHT BY AIR PACIFIC'S NEW HAVILAND, I MET WITH THE TINIAN DELEGATION WHICH (WITH COUNSEL MIKE WHITE) HAD COME TO DISCUSS WITH TT OFFICIALS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COCONUT OIL EXTRACTION OPERATION ON TINIAN. (TT GOING SLOW ON THIS ONE). THIS GROUP CONSISTED OF MAYOR ANTONIO BORJA, PRINCIPAL AND VERY FORCE

FUL SPOKESMAN, SPEAKER MENDIOLA AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CONGRESSMAN FELIPE ATALIG, AND MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION MEMBER HERMAN MANGLONA. THEY SPOKE APPRECIATIVELY OF AMR. WILLIAMS' VISIT TO TINIAN AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION, LIKE THOSE I HAD MET ON THEIR ISLAND, THAT THEY COULD HARDLY WAIT FOR THE U.S. MILITARY TO COME AND BRING INSTANT

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PROSPERITY TO THEM AND TINIAN. THE MAYOR TOLD ME IN A LOUD CONFIDENTIAL WHISPER THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO WASHINGTON TO SEE IF HE

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COULD SPEED THINGS UP AND LET THE DEFENSE DEPT KNOW HOW HAPPY THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN WERE TO LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING THE MILITARY.

9. TO ALL THE REMARKS AND QUERIES AS TO THE COMING OF THE U.S. MILITARY TO TINIAN, I SAID TIMING AND DETAILS WERE YET TO BE WORKED OUT, AND THAT THE GENERAL SUBJECT WOULD BE PART OF THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. DELEGATION AND THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION. I TOLD THEM I WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THEIR VIEWS WERE TRANSMITTED TO AMB. WILLIAMS.
10 COMMENT: THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN CLEARLY ENVISAGE A ROLE FOR THEMSELVES IN RELATION TO THE EAGERLY AWAITED U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE ON THEIR ISLAND. THEIR EXPECTATION OF A SHARED USE OF THE ISLAND ACCORDS, INsofar AS I HAVE EVIDENCE, WITH THE GENERAL ASSUMPTION IN THE REST OF THE DISTRICT. (SEE STATUS LNO SA C, PARA. 3 FOR MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION ATTORNEY JAMES WHITES' STRESS ON IMPORTANCE TO MARIANAS OF "INTEGRATION" OF MILITARY PRESENCE.)

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11. IT IS CLEAR THAT OUR HANDLING OF THE ISSUE OF LAND ACQUISITION FOR MILITARY USE IN THE MARIANAS (I.E., PRINCIPALLY TINIAN) WILL HAVE STRONG AND, AS I WOULD THINK, VERY QUICK REPERCUSSIONS IN PALAU AND PERHAPS IN THE MARSHALLS AS WELL. CONSIDERABLE TT-WIDE ATTENTION BY POLITICALLY AWARE MICRONESIANS WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE MARIANAS STATUS TALKS. THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ENTIRE POLITICAL STATUS ISSUE ARE SURE TO BE OF FAR-REACHING SIGNIFICANCE. TRENT.
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