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SUBJECT : MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS: TINIAN

REF: A, STATUS LNO 73C

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1. AT RISK OF BEING REPETITIVE, I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS WHAT I BELIEVE WILL BE THE ADVERSE REACTION TO OUR INTERESTS THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY IF WE SHOULD TAKE POSITION AT NEXT ROUND OF MARIANAS STATUS TALKS THAT WE NEED ENTIRE ISLAND OF TINIAN FOR MILITARY USE OR RESERVATION. THEREFORE NECESSITATING REMOVAL OF PEOPLE FROM ISLAND.
2. AS STATED LAST PARA REF A REPORTING MY RECENT VISIT TO TINIAN, I FOUND NO HINT THERE OF EXISTENCE OF ANY SUSPICION THAT WE MIGHT HAVE IN MIND ANYTHING OTHER THAN A SHARING OF THE ISLAND WITH

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LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO LOOK FORWARD ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO COMING OF MILITARY AND TO PARTICIPATING IN PRESUMED BENEFITS OF MILITARY PRESENCE IN FORM OF UTILITIES, MARKETS, ETC. ACCORDING TO MAYOR, THEY ARE EVEN PREPARED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PART OF THE ISLAND IN ORDER TO LEAVE PORT AREA FOR MILITARY USE, BUT I AM SURE THEY WOULD BE STUNNED TO LEARN THAT WE EXPECT TO MOVE THEM OFF THE ISLAND ENTIRELY AND TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE PLACE.

3. THIS ASTONISHMENT WOULD BE SHARED BY MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION AND PEOPLE OF SAIPAN WHO ALSO HAVE NO INKLING OF OUR INTENTION. AS REPORTED REF B, THEIR STRONG DESIRE, AND WHAT LOOKS MOST ATTRACTIVE TO THEM, IS THE SHARING OF THE BENEFITS, AS NOTED ABOVE, OF THE MILITARY PRESENCE. THE COMMISSION'S ATTORNEY JIM WHITE HAS MADE THIS VERY EXPLICIT TO ME (REF B); THE COMMISSION DOES NOT FORESEE OR DESIRE A MILITARY FACILITY COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS A FRIENDLY FEELING ABOUT ALL THIS WHICH CREATES A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

4. IT SEEMS TO ME ENTIRELY POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT OUR SURFACING OF AN IMPORTANT BUT COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED DEMAND FOR ALL OF TINIAN MIGHT WELL CAUSE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION TO DECIDE TO RECESS TALKS PENDING FURTHER STUDY. EVEN IF THEY SHOULD DECIDE TO CARRY ON, HOPING TO LOWER OUR DEMANDS THROUGH NEGOTIATION, THE SITUATION WOULD, I BELIEVE, BE SOURED.

5. THE OTHER DISTRICTS, WHICH WILL HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF LOOKING OVER THE MARIANAS' SHOULDERS AT THE TALKS, WILL HAE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE, AND MAY WELL DECIDE TO DO SOME RECONSIDERING OF THEIR BASIC INTENTIONS FOR FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AT THIS MOMENT THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT IS CLEARLY TEETERING ON THE BRINK OF REQUESTING SEPARATE TALKS WITH US, AND OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF PALAUAN POLITICS COMES A HINT OF SEPARATISM IN A BILL TO DRAW UP A CONSTITUTION FOR THE "FUTURE STATE OF PALAU" (STATUS LNO 84 C). TRUK IS WITNESSING A HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE BETWEEN ADVOCATES OF INDEPENDENCE AND CLOSE OR FREE ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. (STATUS LNO 81).

6. AS T, THESE FACTORS IN THE MICRONESIAN STATUS PICTURE POINT TO THE CERTAINTY THAT OUR ROUND WITH THE MARIANAS WILL BE CLOSELY OBSERVED BY OTHER DISTRICTS, AND THAT PARTICULAR FOCUS WILL BE ON LAND ASPECT AND THE U.S. MILITARY NEEDS. THE WAY IN WHICH WE HANDLE THIS ASPECT AND THE NATURE AND EXTEND OF OUR PROPOSALS WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS EITHER TO HELP OR HURT US IN OUR RELATIONS AND INTERESTS IN OTHER DISTRICTS, ESPECIALLY PALAU.

7. I DO NOT PRESUME TO JUDGE OUR ESSENTIAL MILITARY NEEDS, BUT I DO RAISE A WARNING FROM WHERE I SIT AS TO THE LIKELY HIGH PRICE WHICH A DEMAND FOR ALL OF TINIAN WILL COST US. TRENT

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