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SUBJ: MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS PRESS RELEASE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT PROPOSED USG PRESS RELEASE ON FORTHCOMING
SECOND ROUND MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS:

ON MAY 14 IN SAIPAN U.S. REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET WITH A
DELEGATION FROM THE MARIANAS DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO RESUME NEGOTIATION OF ARRANGEMENTS
TO BRING THE MARIANAS ISLANDS INTO THE AMERICAN POLITICAL
FAMILY. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON TODAY BY AMBASSADOR
FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTA-
TIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR
INDICATED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE PRECEDED BY INFORMAL

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PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING IN SAIPAN MAY 7.

THE U.S.-MARIANAS TALKS WERE FORMALLY INAUGURATED LAST DECEMBER IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS FOR A CLOSE AND PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. FOLLOWING THE INITIAL SESSIONS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE REPORTED THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD MEET AGAIN THIS SPRING TO WORK OUT THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS IN DETAIL. THESE WOULD BE SUBMITTED SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FOR APPROVAL AND PLACED BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS IN A PLEBISCITE.

THE MARIANAS DELEGATION IS CHAIRED BY SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN, WHO ALSO REPRESENTS THE MARIANAS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE OTHER 14 MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION, SELECTED PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, REPRESENT A CROSS-SECTION OF THE MARIANAS COMMUNITY."

2. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND SENATOR PANGELINAN AGREED SIMULTANEOUS RELEASES APRIL 30 SAIPAN TIME.

3. PLEASE SECURE PANGELINAN CONCURRENCE ABOVE TEXT SOONEST AND ADVISE BY TELEPHONE.

4. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CLEAR PANGELINAN'S OWN PRESS RELEASE IF NOT INCONSISTENT WITH OURS. ROGERS

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