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SAIPAN, MAY 4, 0307-000Z 030700Z MAY 73
 RECENT SIGNS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS
 POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION WILL BEGIN WORKING, MAY 5 ON SAIPAN.
 THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE PUBLICLY THURSDAY (MAY 3) BY
 SENATOR EDWARD BARKER, ONE OF THE SENIORS OF THE HOUSE, AND BY
 THE U.S. OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATIONS IN WASHINGTON.
 AMEMBASSY CANBERRA/NAVSEC/COMNAVMA, PARALLEL TO THE POLITICAL

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REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, WILL
HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION.

SENATOR PANGELINAN, IN A PREPARED PRESS RELEASE, SAID
THAT NEXT WEEK A SERIES OF PRE-NEGOTIATION WORKING SESSIONS
WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HELD. HE NOTED THAT MEMBERS
OF THE MARIANAS COMMISSION ARE MEETING THIS WEEK TO REVIEW THE
REPORTS OF ITS CONSULTANTS AND PREPARE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO
PRESENT TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION.

"WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR THESE TALKS SINCE OUR LAST
MEETING, IN DECEMBER," SENATOR PANGELINAN SAID. "FOUR MONTHS OF
INTENSIVE RESEARCH HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY OUR CONSULTANTS, AND
THEY'VE DONE A FINE JOB." HE SAID A SUBSTANTIAL REPORT PREPARED
BY THE LEGAL AND ECONOMIC CONSULTANTS OF THE COMMISSION IS BEING
STUDIED, AND WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS
WHEN THE MAY 15 TALKS BEGIN. THE SENATOR ADDED THAT HE IS
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE TALKS, BUT RECLINED TO SAY HOW MANY ROUNDS
OF NEGOTIATIONS HE FEELS WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE A FINAL AGREEMENT
IS REACHED.

THE U.S. MARIANAS TALKS WERE FORMALLY INAUGURATED LAST
DECEMBER IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE

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MARIANAS FOR A CLOSE AND PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
UNITED STATES. THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ACTED TO
ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION, OF WHICH LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT
WIGHTMAN N. SANCOS IS VICE-CHAIRMAN. THERE ARE 15 OTHER MEMBERS,
REPRESENTING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE MARIANAS COMMUNITY.

THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE TALKS, IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR
WILLIAMS, WILL CONSIST OF HIS DEPUTY, JAMES M. WILSON, JR.; CAPTAIN
WILLIAM J. GENT, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS
NEGOTIATIONS; JOHN C. CORRAJO, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE AND A FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT POLITICAL ADVISOR ASSIGNED TO
MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS; ROBERT E. LEB, AN ATTORNEY ON THE STAFF OF THE
WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE NEGOTIATION OFFICE; THOMAS JOHNSON, DEPARTMENT
OF STATE; COLONEL WILLIAM KENT, USAF, AIR FORCE ATTACHÉ; COLONEL
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT; HARRISON S. WELBY, OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS
NEGOTIATIONS; COLONEL ANTONIO M. CHILL, USA, ARMY AND STATUS OFFICER;
NAVY VANCE TAYNE, STATUS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE OFFICE OF
MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; AND THOMAS WELLS, OFFICER,
REPRESENTING THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

ALTHOUGH NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN, OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE ON SATURDAY FOR THE SMILING ISLANDS, WITH THE

*remains of the delegation, including Ambassador
Williams, arriving the following weekend.*

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