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PASS TO DEPT INTERIOR FOR OSN (ACTION) AND DOTA (INFO)
STATE FOR EA/ANP, IO/UNP, L/UNA
COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS
DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA
WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC
USUN FOR AMB BENNETT
PASS JUSTICE FOR MARCUSE (OLC)

SUBJECT: FUTURE STATUS: MICRONESIA AND MARIANAS

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1. PACIFIC DAILY NEWS TODAY JULY 6 CARRIES PIECE APPARENTLY
BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN, JOINT
COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS. SALII AND HIS COMMITTEE ARE MEETING
ON GUAM PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE TOMORROW.....IT TO INDIVIDUAL

DISTRICTS!
2. STORY SAYS SALII TOLD PRESS COMMITTEE HAD MET IN CLOSED
SESSION TO PLAN ITS SCHEDULE, HE COMMENTED THAT COMMITTEE HAD
"DEMANDED" THAT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AGREE THAT PUBLIC LANDS
MUST BE RETURNED TO PEOPLE OF PALAU AND HAD REFUSED TO HOLD

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ANY MORE TALKS UNTIL AMBASSADOR RESPONDED TO DEMAND. SALII REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE ITS POSITION ON LAND RIGHTS FOR ALL DISTRICTS. SALII THEN SAID: "BEFORE WE CAN ANSWER HIM, WE WILL GO AND CONSULT THE PEOPLE." SALII REMARKED THAT STATUS TALKS WOULD RECONVENE IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER AND THAT IN MEANTIME AMBASSADOR IS "ACTIVELY STUDYING COMMITTEE'S DEMANDS. SALII FURTHER SAID LAND QUESTION IS MAJOR SUBJECT OF HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR DISTRICTS, BUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD ALSO "REPORT ON WHAT HAS HAPPEND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE AND GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE

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MICRONESIAN PEOPLE." HE SAID JCFS GUAM MEETING WAS HELD "TO WORK OUT THE KIND OF QUESTIONS WE WANT TO RAISE IN THE HEARINGS."

3. WITH REFERENCE TO SEPARATE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS., EARLIER ARTICLE IN PDN DATED SAIPAN QUOTED MPSC CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN AS SAYING ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE TODAY FOR MEETING WITH GUAMANIAN: "IT IS JUST HEALTHY FOR GOOD FRIENDS TO TALK. WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING FROM GUAM. WE WANT TO SEE HOW 75 YEARS OF AMERICAN PRESENCE HAVE AFFECTED GUAM'S EXPERIENCES IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. WE'LL BE ASKING QUESTIONS. NO ONE KNOWS MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF THE MILITARY THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM."

4. STORY SAYS THAT AT PANGELINAN'S SUGGESTION, MPSC MEMBERS WILL TOUR SOME OF THE MILITARY HOLDINGS ON GUAM "TO SEE WHAT THE IMPACT OF THE MILITARY IS."

5. ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT CONGRESSMAN HERMAN GUERRERO, MPSC MEMBER WILL NOT ACCOMPANY GROUP TO GUAM AND HAS SAID HE THINKS DISCUSSION "IS NOT WISE AT THIS TIME. I'M NOT ENTHUSED ABOUT IT." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE BELIEVES U.S. DELEGATION TO MARIANAS STATUS TALKS MAY FAVOR EVENTUAL REINTEGRATION OF GUAM AND NORTHERN MARIANAS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS.

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6. STORY POINTS OUT THAT MPSC MEMBER JOE TENORIO ALSO OPPOSES REINTERGRATION BUT IS EAGER TO TALK WITH GUAM'S STATUS COMMISSION. TENORIO IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "I THINK IT'S TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT

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TO TALK WITH THEM. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO SEE THE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN FOR REINTEGRATION, AND I NEVER WILL BE."

7. RANGELINAN TOLD PRESS THAT AS ANOTHER EFFORT TO OPEN UP "LINES OF COMMUNICATION" ALL AROUND MPSC WILL MEET WITH JCFS IN MID-JULY (APPARENTLY AT TIME THAT JCFS IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT MARIANAS). TIENT

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