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SUBJECT: NORTHERN MARIANA/GUAM RELATIONS

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1. GUAM PUBLISHED PACIFIC DAILY NEWS OVER PAST WEEKEND CARRIES
SEVERAL ITEMS INDICATING HEIGHTENED ATTENTION IN BOTH PARTS OF
MARIANAS TO ABOVE SUBJECT. SUNDAY PAPER FRONT PAGED INTERVIEW WITH
GUAM SENATOR PAUL CALVO NEWLY RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON UNDER
HEADING "CALVO PREDICTS PROBLEMS." SENATOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING
"UNLESS A UNITED EFFORT IS BEGUN, BOTH GUAM AND THE NORTHERN
MARIANAS CAN EXPECT DIFFICULTIES AND OPPOSITION IN ANY BID FOR

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STATUS, ASSERTING THAT HE FOUND MANY U.S. SENATORS UNFAVORABLE THAT "CREATION OF A NEW COMMONWEALTH IS LET ALONE BEING TALKED ABOUT IN THE STATUS CALVO SAID HE "GOT THE DISTINCT STATEMENT FROM CALVO AS GIVEN IN PDN. SENATORS WERE UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. BUT TOLD THEM THAT COMMONWEALTH STATUS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION WERE GENERALLY UNINFORMED. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A SELLING JOB IN WASHINGTON, BOTH WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE

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CONGRESS, AND THE ONLY WAY TO BE EFFECTIVE IS TO WORK TOGETHER. THE WHOLE CRUX OF THE CONGRESSMEN'S OBJECTIONS TO THE IDEA OF THE CREATION OF ANOTHER COMMONWEALTH SEEM TO BE CAUSED BY PUERTO RICO'S RELUCTANCE TO MOVE UP THE STATEHOOD LADDER. THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS IS MERELY A LAYOVER STEP TO THE GOAL OF STATEHOOD, PUERTO RICO'S DECISION TO STAY FAST IN THE FIRST STEP IS PUTTING THE SENATORS OFF, THEY SIMPLY DON'T WANT TO CREATE ANOTHER PUERTO RICO. EVEN WITH THOSE CONGRESSMEN WHO ARE RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF RE-EXAMINING THE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION THERE IS A REALIZATION THAT ANY CHANGE SHOULD BE COUPLED WITH THE MATTER OF REUNIFICATION OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS. THEY SAID IT WAS UNREALISTIC TO CONSIDER CREATION OF TWO SEPARATE AMERICAN POLITICAL ENTITIES OUT OF ONE CHAIN OF ISLANDS, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE LIMITED SIZE OF OUR POPULATION. THE ATTITUDE IS THAT AMERICA'S PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC SHOULD BE REPRESENTED BY A COMMUNITY INCLUDING ALL THE MARIANAS. CERTAINLY I APPLAUD THE LEADERS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WHO HAVE BROUGHT THIS ISSUE OF POLITICAL STATUS TO THE FORE. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS MADE HIS OFFER BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING AND INSISTENT EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THOSE ISLANDS. GUAM SHOULD

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DO NO LESS, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF PETITIONING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS. I'D CERTAINLY LEND MY ENDORSEMENT TO ANY SUCH PETITION MOVEMENT BUT IT HAS GOT TO BE A BIPARTISAN EFFORT, ONE SUPPORTED TOTALLY BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM."

3. CALVO DECLARED GUAM IS READY FOR "ANOTHER STEP FORWARD" AND SHOULD START WORKING FOR STATUS CHANGE BY 1976.

4. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WITH WHOM CALVO MET IN WASHINGTON WERE: SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSON, JR., AND CONGRESSMEN FORD, SAYLOR, BURTON AND CLAUSEN. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS ROUND BY GUAM REPRESENTATIVE WON PAT.

5. WON PAT - LETTER TO HIS CONSTITUENTS FROM WASHINGTON CARRIED BY PDN JULY 6 DEALT IN PART WITH GUAM'S POLITICAL FUTURE. LETTER DATED: "WHILE NONE OF US WOULD WANT TO LESSEN OUR TIES WITH WASHINGTON, NEVERTHELESS SOME CHANGES ARE DUE IN THE AMOUNT OF CONTROL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE OVER OUR OWN INTERNAL AFFAIRS... THOSE OF US WHO HAVE LONG ADVOCATED REUNIFICATION OF ALL THE MARIANAS BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO OFFER A SEPARATE COMMONWEALTH PACKAGE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS SHOULD BE MADE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL THE CHAMORRO PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES."

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WON PAT CALLED ON HIS CONSTITUENTS TO MAKE KNOWN TO HIM THEIR VIEWS ON GUAM'S FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND THEIR POSITION ON REUNIFICATION WITH THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

6. SUNDAY'S PDN REPORTS THAT FOLLOWING CLOSED DOOR MEETING PREVIOUS DAY BETWEEN GUAM AND MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HELD ON GUAM, MPSC/CHAIRMAN SENATOR PANGELINAN TOLD PRESS THAT MEETING WAS "NOT BASICALLY A DISCUSSION OF RE-INTEGRATION.

WE EXPRESSED OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS AND DISCUSSED THE BEST STATUS FOR OUR RESPECTIVE AREAS. WE FEEL THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TWO TERRITORIES TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS KIND OF DIALOGUE WILL BE CONTINUED."

7. GUAM COMMISSION ACTING CHAIRMAN SENATOR PAUL BORDALLI NOW INTENDS THAT "ONE-NESS OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL, RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND SOCIAL AFFINITY OF THE MARIANAS WAS EXPRESSED BY MOST MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION IN A GROWING FEELING OF UNITY."

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