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FM CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
FROM STATUS LNO NO. 136C (JULY 6, 1973)  
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  
CSAF FOR PR XO (MCCARTHY)  
SUBJECT: JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS ON SAIPAN: COMMENTS RE R STATUS  
1. JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS ON SAIPAN CUSTOMARILY ARE HELD TO COMMEMORATE

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"LIBERATION" OF SAIPANESE ON JULY 4, 1946 FROM INTERNMENT CAMP WHERE  
THEY WERE APPARENTLY HELD BY U.S. MILITARY FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING  
FOOD AND SHELTER FOLLOWING DEVASTATION OF ISLAND AT TIME OF JAPANESE  
DEFEAT. OCCASION IS THEREFORE CELEBRATED AS "LIBERATION" DAY. THIS  
YEAR'S CEREMONY WAS HELD IN LINE WITH THAT TRADITION BUT CONTAINED  
NEW ELEMENT OF COMMENT FROM SPEAKERS CONCERNING STATUS NEGOTIATIONS  
FOR MARIANAS.  
2. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC)  
TOOK PART IN CEREMONY WEARING THEIR OTHER HATS AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS. THESE INCLUDED BEN SANTOS, BEN CAMACHO, AND JOAQUIN

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PANGELINAN WHO AS CIVIC AFFAIRS OFFICER WAS IN GENERAL CHARGE OF PLANS FOR THE DAY. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER COLEMAN, DISTAD FRANK ADA, AND SAIPAN MAYOR SABLAN.

3. ALMOST ALL SPEAKERS TOOK OCCASION TO REFER TO CURRENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. THEME, PROBABLY BEST ARTICULATED BY CAMACHO WAS THAT PAST 27 YEARS HAVE SEEN ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND PROCEDURES IN MICRONESIA, ESPECIALLY MARIANAS, AND THAT CURRENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, DIRECTED TOWARD EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH U.S., ARE INTENDED TO SECURE PERMANENCY OF SUCH WAY OF LIFE. PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO BE PATIENT DURING NEGOTIATIONS, TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN NEGOTIATORS AND GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO CONCLUDE THEIR WORK WHICH WOULD BE FULLY MADE KNOWN TO THE PEOPLE. NO ONE HOWEVER MADE SPECIFIC POINT THAT RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO PEOPLE IN PLEBISCITE.

4. UNFORTUNATELY SPEAKERS LOST INCREASING AMOUNTS OF THEIR AUDIENCE WHEN FOOD AND GAMBLING BOOTHS OPENED AND LOUDSPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT OFFERED CONSIDERABLE COMPETITION. NEVERTHELESS, SPEAKERS' COMMENTS WERE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AND THEREFORE ARE ON THE RECORD WITH, I BELIEVE, ADVANTAGEOUS RESULTS FOR OUR CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS.

5. GUAMANIAN PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONY WAS CONSPICUOUS. I UNDERSTAND GUAM HAS BEEN REPRESENTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS BUT REPRESENTATION WAS MORE MARKED THIS TIME. INVOCATION WAS OFFERED BY BISHOP FLORES, NUMBER OF GUAMANIAN LEGISLATURE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, AND SENATOR SANCHEZ, WHO TOLD PREFSS HE HAD COMEASHORE ON SAIPAN IN 1944 WITH AMERICAN FORCES AND FELT SAIPAN WAS LIKE HIS SECOND HOME, SAT ON PODIUM AND WAS REFERRED TO IN LIST OF VIPS ADDRESSED BY SPEAKERS. TROOPS OF GUAMANIAN BOY SCOUTS PARTICIPATED IN COLOR CEREMONIES AND HELD FORMATION ON THE FIELD.

6. MARINE COLOR GUARD AND COMNAV MARIANAS BAND PROVIDED EXCELLENT

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APPEARANCE AND ATMOSPHERE FOR THE OCCASION. BAND, AS USUAL, DELIGHTED THE CROWD. TINIAN HELD ITS CEREMONY IN THE AFTERNOON OF

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THE 4TH WHEN VIPS AND BAND COULD BE PRESENT THERE AS WELL.  
7. COMMENT: ONLY SOUR NOTE WAS BEN SANTOS' CALL (MITIGATED  
HOWEVER BY OTHER MORE POSITIVE COMMENT) TO SOLVE LONG-STANDING  
PROBLEMS "SUCH AS THE LAND THAT WAS TAKEN FROM OUR PEOPLE BY THE  
U.S. MILITARY BUT NEVER RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE." TRENT  
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