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SUBJECT: CURRENT SITUATION IN MARIANAS² LAND AND STATUS MATTERS (U)
1. IN WAKE OF VISIT BY OSN GROUP, SUBJECT OF LAND CONTINUES TO BE

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PREOCCUPATION OF MARIANAS POLITICS. FOLLOWING CLOSE ON COMPLAINT FILE
LAST WEEK BY SEVERAL SAIPAN CITIZENS AGAINST HICOM CRITICIZING BACKLASH
IN ISSUANCE OF DEEDS FOR HOMESTEAD PROGRAM, MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLA
TURE (MDL) PRESIDENT BEN SANTOS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION AUG 16 CALLING
ON
DISTAD TO BUDGET \$500,000 TO HIRE SURVEY AND MAPPING PERSONNEL TO EX-
PEDITE ISSUANCE OF HOMESTEAD DEEDS IN MARIANAS.

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2. OUTCRY OVER INADEQUATELY-NOTIFIED MORATORIUM IN TINIAN HOMESTEADING AND OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING LAND ON TINIAN HAS REMAINED PROMINENT SUBJECT IN MDL AND PRESS DURING PAST WEEK. SIGNS ARE HOWEVER THAT PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LIES, NOT SURPRISINGLY, WITH SUCH WOULD-BE SPECULATORS

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RATHER THAN WITH TINIAN RANK AND FILE.

3. MDL HAS HELD HEARINGS ON RESOLUTION 1-1973 INTRODUCED BY HERMAN MANGLONA AND BEN SANTOS "OPPOSING THE UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE FULL UTILIZATION OF TINIAN BY ITS INHABITANTS" (STATUS LNO 154). HERMAN MANGLONA HAS FURTHER HEATED UP THE ISSUE BY TELLING THE PRESS (PACIFIC DAILY NEWS AUG 14) THAT WHILE HE NOW SUPPORTS COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENT, "IF THE MILITARY WON'T CONSIDER THE DESIRES AND INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN, I'LL CONSIDER SUPPORTING FREE ASSOCIATION...I DON'T BELIEVE THAT TO BECOME A

PAGE THREE RUHNSAA3710 C O N F I D E N T I A L MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY WE SHOULD GIVE UP TINIAN." MANGLONA TOLD

PRESS TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WOULD WELCOME MILITARY ONLY ON PRESENT RETENTION LANDS AND THAT AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE MADE DEPENDENT ON MILITARY'S NEEDS.

4. CONGRESSMAN FELIPE ATALIG, WHO REPRESENTS TINIAN AND ROTA IN CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, HAS POUNCED ON SUBJECT OF LANDS ON TINIAN AS VALUABLE INSTRUMENT IN EFFORT SHOW HIMSELF CHAMPION OF PEOPLE OF HIS AREA MUCH TO THE IRRITATION OF MPSC CHAIRMAN SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN. WELL AWARE OF THE COMPLICATIONS, PANGELINAN RESENTS ATALIG'S EXPLOITATION OF SITUATION WHICH HAS EVEN GONE SO FAR AS HIS LETTER TO THE UNTRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (USUN 2863) REQUESTING SPECIAL TC SESSION TO HEAR OBJECTIONS OF HIMSELF AND TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL DELEGATION TO MILITARY PLANS AND TO HALT ON HOMESTEADING AND BUSINESS PERMITS. IN FAIRL

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Y
LONG CONVERSATION WITH ATALIG AUG 16 HE DECLARED LETTER WAS GOOD WAY
TO MAKE VIEWS KNOWN, AND ADDED: "WHEN WE GO WITH U.S. WE'LL BE WITH YOU
ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND THERE'LL BE NO WAY FOR COMPLAINTS THEN." ATALIG

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5. ATALIG APPEARS TO HAVE TIED HIS FORTUNES TO TINIAN MAYOR BORJA. TH
IS UNHOLY ALLIANCE IS ALREADY IN TROUBLE THROUGH CHARGES OF ITS MISAPPRO
PRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE TUNE OF SOME \$6000 TO FINANCE THE TOUR OF EA
ST ASIA TAKEN LAST MAY BY A TINIAN PARTY HEADED BY ATALIG AND THE MAYOR.
THE CHARGES ARE IN THE HANDS OF MARIANAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY AMSBURY WH
N FEELS THERE IS NO DOUBT OF THEIR VALIDITY.

6. NEVERTHELESS THE THOSOME HAVE FURTHER AND MORE AMBITIOUS TRAVEL PL
ANS ATALIG TOLD ME THAT HE AND THE MAYOR, ACCOMPANIED BY TINIAN MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL SPEAKER HARRY CRUZ AND VICE SPEAKER LEONARDO DIAZ, EXPECT TO
LEAVE SEPTEMBER 20 FOR WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK WHERE THEY PLAN TO MAK
F THEIR PRESENTATION TO THE UNTC ALONG THE LINES OF ATALIG'S LETTER.
ATALIG SAID TINIAN RANCHER AND MARIANAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HEAD
KEN JONES IS FINANCING THE TRIP AND ARRANGING FOR "A WASHINGTON LAWYE
R", (UNNAMED) TO ADVISE THE PARTY.
7. EFFORTS OF ATALIG AND MAYOR BORJA TO HAVE THEMSELVES REPLACE THE P
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SENT TINIAN REPS ON THE MPSC SEEM TO HAVE STALLED, AND INDICATIONS FROM BOTH PANGELINAN AND ATALIG ARE THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN VAGUELY "TABLED" B115

8. ATALIG MADE A GREAT PITCH FOR RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BORJA AS "THE REAL GOVERNMENT OF TINIAN." B115

9. IN THIS RATHER MURKY MIX OF THE TINIAN INGREDIENTS OF THE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS, DISTRICT LEGISLATORS AND MPSC MEMBERS SEEM RELUCTANT TO TALK, AND IT IS NOT CLEAR JUST WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT TO TINIAN LAST WEEKEND (AUG 11) BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE. HOWEVER IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCALLY THAT THE PROSPECTIVE REFERENDUM ON U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE ON TINIAN, ORIGINALLY SET FOR SEPT 14, "MAY BE POSTPONED." DISTRICT ATTORNEY AMSBURY WHO HAS SPENT SOME TIME RECENTLY ON TINIAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROSECUTION, REMARKED TO ME AUG 18: "EVERYBODY ON TINIAN IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMING OF THE MILITARY. THEY ALL THINK THEY'RE GOING TO GET RICH AND THEY'RE WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE THEIR PROPERTY, BUILD ADDITIONS TO THEIR HOUSES, AND UP THE PRICE OF EVENTUAL COMPENSATION." IN THIS SITUATION AMSBURY COMMENTED, TINIAN POLITICIANS ARE THINKING TWICE ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A REFERENDUM SINCE IT WOULD BE OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF U.S. MILITARY AND THUS LESSEN THEIR BARGAINING POWER.

10. EFFORTS TO SEE SEN PANGELINAN DURING THIS PAST WEEK HAVE RUN INTO

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HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET HEARINGS

PANGELINAN, FRUSTRAT

ED
BY HIS LACK OF FUNDS FOR MPSC OPERATIONS, AND FACING SOME SKEPTICISM
OR
HARD QUESTIONING IN MDL CONCERNING WORK OF MPSC, IS INCREASINGLY IM-
PATIENT WITH THE CONVOLUTION OF POLITICAL MANEUVERING CONCERNING THE
TINIAN SITUATION.

11. MPSC WITH ONLY SOME \$400 ON HAND, IS IN FINANCIAL STRAITS AND
PANGELINAN HAS ASKED MDL FOR \$165,000. OF THIS AMOUNT, \$110,000 IS
SLATED FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, STAFF COMPENSATION AND OFFICE EXPEN
SES,

AND \$55,000 FOR TRAVEL. PANGELINAN CONFIRMED TO ME THE CONTENTS OF AN
ARTICLE IN PDN AUG 17 SAYING THAT THIS LATTER AMOUNT WOULD BE DESIGNE
D

TO COVER COST OF NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN WASHINGTON OR HAWAII AS WELL
AS

TWO-WEEK TRIPS TO FAR EAST FOR FIVE MEMBERS OF MILITARY AND LANDS
COMMITTEE AND FIVE MEMBERS OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. PANGELI
NAN

APPEARS DUBIOUS OF GETTING HIS FULL REQUEST, AND SAYS HE PROBABLY WON
IT.

KNOW UNTIL LAST THREE OR FOUR DAYS OF MDL SESSION, I.E. EARLY SEPTEMB
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ON 1 SEPT MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE PASSED THE RESOLUTION
OPPOSING "UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT
AND THE FULL UTILIZATION OF TINIAN BY ITS INHABITANTS". TEXT
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