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(US RESPONDS TO ATALIG REQUEST)

NEW YORK, SEPT. 7 (MNS)---THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS FORMALLY RESPONDED TO A REQUEST MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THAT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL BE CALLED TO CONSIDER RECENT U.S. ACTIONS AND MILITARY PROPOSALS REGARDING THE ISLAND OF TINIAN. THE REQUEST WAS MADE JULY 31 IN A LETTER FROM REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE ATALIG OF THE MARIANAS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, WHICH WAS CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK IN THE FORM OF A SPECIAL PETITION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, THE U.S.,

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AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS, WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PETITION, AND
DID SO AS FOLLOWS:

"AS THE UNITED STATES REPORTED DURING THE TRUSTEESHIP
COUNCIL'S MEETING LAST MAY, IT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN POLITICAL
STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MARIANA ISLANDS. THE PEOPLE OF
THE DISTRICT ARE REPRESENTED THROUGH THEIR DULY APPOINTED
MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION WHICH INCLUDES TWO
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ISLAND OF TINIAN. THE ENTIRE COMMISSION,
IN THE WORDS OF ITS CHAIRMAN, IS "...DETERMINED TO REPRESENT
AND PROTECT THE INTEREST OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS,
INCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN, IN THEIR STATUS NEGOTIATIONS."
THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMISSION COMMITTED THEMSELVES
DURING NEGOTIATIONS LAST MAY TO UNDERTAKE FULLY CONSULTATION
WITH THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISIONS OR
AGREEMENTS ARE MADE REGARDING THE USE OF LAND ON TINIAN FOR
MILITARY PURPOSES.

"IT WAS FURTHER AGREED DURING THE MAY SESSION THAT THE
UNITED STATES WOULD WORK WITH THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PREVENTING THE

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ALIENATION OF LAND IN THE MARIANAS, INCLUDING LAND OF TINIAN.
THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMISSION WERE ALSO TO ESTABLISH
A CONSULTATIVE GROUP, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVE FROM TINIAN,
TO DISCUSS DETAILED PLANS FOR MILITARY AND RELATED LAND USE
IN THE MARIANAS AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED AND TO CONSULT DIRECTLY
WITH THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THOSE PLANS, INCLUDING RESIDENTS
OF TINIAN.

"THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO ACTIVELY EXAMINING THE
POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY TRANSFER OF CONTROL OVER MICRONESIAN
PUBLIC LANDS INCLUDING THOSE PUBLIC LANDS IN THE MARIANA
ISLANDS AND THOSE ON TINIAN. THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION HAS SUGGESTED THAT A PUBLIC CORPORATION BE
ESTABLISHED TO RECEIVE FULL TITLE TO SUCH LANDS IN THE MARIANAS.
THIS CORPORATION WOULD BE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS AND WOULD SET UP WHATEVER
USE OF FUNCTION IS TO BE MADE IN REFERENCE TO THIS LAND. THE
COMMISSION HAS ASKED THAT THE UNITED STATES NOT ALIENATE THIS
LAND BEYOND A MONTH-TO-MONTH TENANCY SO AS TO ALLOW NO FURTHER
DISSEMINATION OF PUBLIC LAND WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW
ENTITY. THIS IS, OF COURSE, PREDICATED UPON THE EARLY TURNOVER

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OF PUBLIC LANDS IN THE MARIANAS TO THE ENTITY. THE UNITED STATES IS THUS COMMITTED TO A RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO LOCAL CONTROL IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS AS WELL AS THE TRUST TERRITORY AS A WHOLE. THE QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ARE ONES OF A TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL NATURE. THESE ARE BEING STUDIED BY UNITED STATES FACT-FINDING TEAMS NOW IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

"THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO STEPS FOR FURTHERING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE MARIANA ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE ISLAND OF TINIAN. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT AND CERTAINLY WILL NOT UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WILL INHIBIT HEALTHY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON TINIAN OR ELSEWHERE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. IT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO INSURE THAT THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC POTENTIAL FOR THE MARIANAS AND TINIAN WILL BE REALIZED."

THIS WAS THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL THIS WEEK. IT CAME IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER FROM REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE ATALIS

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ASKING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RECENT U.S. ACTIONS AND PROPOSALS REGARDING TINIAN.

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