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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION OVER THE NEW PAY PLAN, PERSONNEL WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD USE THE FOLLOWING STORY IN FULL.)  
(NEW PAY PLAN EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH)

SAIPAN SEPT 12 (MNS)---AT THE MOST RECENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN JANUARY, 1973, AN ACT ENTITLED "TRUST TERRITORY SALARY ACT OF 1973" WAS PASSED IT PROVIDES, FOR THE FIRST TIME, A SINGLE BASE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ALL TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, EXCEPT THOSE COVERED BY THE U.S. FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM AND THOSE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED

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BY SECTION 9 OF PUBLIC LAW 40-49 (TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC SERVICE ACT.)  
THE SINGLE SALARY PLAN TAKES EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1973.  
IT PROVIDES FOR:

A BASE SALARY SCHEDULE CONTAINING 38 PAY LEVELS OF 7 STEPS EACH. CERTAIN ALLOWANCES AND PREMIUMS TO BE ADDED TO BASE SALARY, IN ORDER TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN NECESSARY EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL. THESE ARE: A TAX RELIEF ALLOWANCE FOR CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND A RECRUITMENT PREMIUM, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO BRING GROSS COMPENSATION UP TO COMPETITIVE LEVELS IN THE LABOR MARKET FROM WHICH AN EXPATRIATE IS RECRUITED.

IN SUMMARY, THIS PROGRAM OF ALLOWANCES AND PREMIUMS WILL WORK OUT AS FOLLOWS:

REGULAR MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES, OTHER THAN ADVANCED PROFESSIONALS, WILL RECEIVE THEIR BASE SALARY ONLY. ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES WILL GET THEIR BASE SALARY PLUS A U.S. RECRUITMENT PREMIUM. U.S. EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES RECRUITED ABROAD WILL GET THE BASE SALARY, TAX RELIEF ALLOWANCE AND U.S. RECRUITMENT PREMIUM. THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS RECRUITED ABROAD WILL RECEIVE BASE SALARY AND A PORTION OF THE U.S. RECRUITMENT PREMIUM DEPENDING UPON COUNTRY IN WHICH RECRUITED. LOCALLY HIRED THIRD-COUNTRY

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NATIONALS WILL RECEIVE THE BASE SALARY ONLY, AND LOCALLY HIRED U.S. CITIZENS WILL RECEIVE ONLY THE BASE SALARY PLUS TAX RELIEF ALLOWANCE.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PLAN WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS.

FOR MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES, ADJUSTMENT TO THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE TO THE CORRESPONDING STEP OF THE APPROPRIATE PAY LEVEL IN THAT NEW SCHEDULE. CERTAIN PAY LEVELS ABOVE LEVEL 15 HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED SINCE THE MISSING LEVELS IN THE OLD SCHEDULE (A STRUCTURAL DEFICIENCY) HAVE BEEN FILLED IN; NONETHELESS, THE NEW PAY PLAN LEVEL NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO AN APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT DOLLAR RANGE TO PAY LEVELS IN THE OLD SCHEDULE.

NO EMPLOYEE WILL RECEIVE LESS THAN HE IS NOW RECEIVING AND STEP INCREASE DATES WILL BE PRESERVED.

FOR EXPATRIATES NOW ON CONTRACT: THOSE WHO WOULD SUFFER REDUCTIONS UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS LAW, WILL MAINTAIN THEIR CURRENT SALARY RATES FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR PRESENT CONTRACTS.

ALL OTHERS WILL BE ADJUSTED TO THE NEW PLAN AND SHALL RECEIVE BASE SALARY (ON THE NEW SCHEDULE) PLUS SUCH ALLOWANCES AND PREMIUMS AS APPLICABLE AND AUTHORIZED BY THIS LAW.

CONCERNING COMPENSATION DETERMINATION FOR CONTRACT

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EMPLOYEES AFTER THE PLAN HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED, ALL NEW CONTRACT POSITIONS SHALL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

FOR ALL CONTRACTS REQUESTED FOR RENEWAL, THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MUST DECIDE IF THIS IS APPROPRIATE, BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED MICRONESIANS. HIS DECISION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PERSONNEL BOARD. IF APPROVED BY THE BOARD, A PRIME CONTRACT MAY LAST FOR TWO YEARS, AND A LOCAL-HIRE FOR ONE YEAR. THIS PROCEDURE IS REPEATED FOR ANY FUTURE RENEWAL REQUESTS.

FOR RENEWAL CONTRACTS, COMPENSATION IS COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, CALCULATE GROSS COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TABLE ENTITLED "APPLICATION OF ALLOWANCES AND PREMIUMS" (EXACT TAX TABLES HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPUTED).

IF THE GROSS COMPENSATION SO CALCULATED IS EQUAL TO OR HIGHER THAN THAT IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION, THE POSITION SHALL BE SO COMPENSATED.

IF THE GROSS COMPENSATION SO CALCULATED IS LESS THAN THAT IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION, THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MAY ADJUST THE RECRUITMENT PREMIUM SO AS TO ACHIEVE THAT GROSS

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COMPENSATION FIGURE NEEDED TO RETAIN AN INCUMBENT OR RECRUIT A NEW EMPLOYEE; HOWEVER, ANY ADJUSTMENT OF THE RECRUITMENT PREMIUM MAY NOT EXCEED 150 PERCENT OF BASE SALARY, OR \$300 BIWEEKLY, WHICHEVER IS LOWER.

ALSO, SUCH ADJUSTED GROSS COMPENSATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER REDUCTION IF CERTAIN SPECIAL COMPUTATIONS RESULT IN A LESSER SALARY FIGURE. INFORMATION ON THESE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MAINTAIN UP-TO DATE DATA ON SALARIES AND SALARY PRACTICES HERE IN MICRONESIA, AS WELL AS IN COUNTRIES FROM WHICH WE HIRE EXPATRIATES.

THE SALARY SCHEDULE HAS 38 RANGES, OR PAY LEVELS, WITH 7 STEPS PER RANGE. EACH STEP AND EACH RANGE IS SEPARATED BY APPROXIMATELY 6 PERCENT.

THE MINIMUM SALARY RATE IS 61 CENTS AND THE MAXIMUM IS \$7.90 PER HOUR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE BASE SALARY SCHEDULE IS EXPRESSED IN OFFICIAL BI-WEEKLY BASE SALARY RATES, BASED ON A REGULAR FORTY (40) HOUR WORK WEEK. ALLOWANCES, DIFFERENTIALS OR PREMIUMS SUCH AS STANDBY, HARDSHIP POST, NIGHT WORK, OVERTIME,  
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ETC..., WILL BE COMPUTED ON THE BASE SALARY RATE AND OR HOURLY EQUIVALENT THEREOF WHERE SUCH PAY IS BASED ON THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED.

THE PAY PLAN IS NOT INTENDED AS A PAY RAISE FOR ANY EMPLOYEE. ANY RAISES WHICH EMPLOYEES DO RECEIVE WILL BE INCIDENTAL TO THE CONVERSION FROM THE FORMER PAY PAN TO THE NEW PAY PLAN AND WILL RESULT FROM THE ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY TO OVERCOME FORMER INEQUITIES. HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSION, THE VAST MAJORITY OF MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES ARE ANTICIPATED TO RECEIVE SOME INCREASE TO SALARY WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO YIELD A CONVERSION

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AVERAGE ~~5.5~~ 5.5 PERCENT AT THE LOWEST LEVEL TO 8.8 PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT FOR THE HIGHER LEVELS. THE RENUMBERING OF THE PAY LEVELS FROM PAY LEVEL 16 UPWARD, DOES NOT YIELD ANY DISPROPORTIONATE HIGHER INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE IN POSITIONS AT THOSE PAY LEVELS. ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PAY LEVELS 29, 30 AND 31 UNDER THE FORMER PLAN ARE NOW EXEMPT FROM THE NEW SALARY PLAN.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(IMETUCLH STATEMENT)

PALAU, SEPT. 12, (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- SEN. ROMAN IMETUCLH OF PALAU A MEMBER OF THE JOCT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, RELEASED A STATEMENT THIS WEEK COMMENTING ON SEVERAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. HERE IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE SENATOR'S STATEMENT.

"SEVERAL DISPUTES HAVE RECENTLY ARISEN IN THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. THESE HAVE INCLUDED, IN THE MARIANAS CASE, 8 ISSUES REGARDING LAND ON TINIAN, AND IN THOSE CONDUCTED FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS OVER POLITICAL EDUCATION AND RIGHT OF THE CONGRESS TO SUBPOENA ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES.

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"EACH TIME IT APPEARS THAT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS PROMISED SOMETHING ELSE. NOW WILLIAMS HAS ASKED FOR TIME TO RESOLVE THESE DIFFERENCES WITHIN HIS GOVERNMENT. IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY OR TRUE? IT SEEMS QUESTIONABLE.

"AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS IS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND IS IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON EVERY DAY HE IS IN MICRONESIA. CAN HE REALLY NOT KNOW WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTS OR WILL DO? IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE SO FAR WE ARE DEALING ONLY WITH ONE BRANCH OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE FINISHED; MICRONESIA (OR THE MARIANAS) HAS MADE MANY CONCESSIONS, AND THEN IT ALL GOES TO THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL?

"MICRONESIA HAS COMMITTED ITSELF, BUT THE UNITED STATES CAN USE ITS CONGRESS TO DISAPPROVE AND TAKE BACK EVERY COMMITMENT WILLIAMS AND EVEN NIXON HAS MADE TO US. AND WE KNOW THAT BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE EVEN FINISHED AMERICANS WILL BEGIN PREPARATION FOR THIER MILITARY BASES IN MY OWN DISTRICT OF PALAU JUST AS THEY NOW ARE ALREADY DOING ON TINIAN.

"ANYONE WHO BELIEVES I AM TOO SUSPICIOUS SHOULD LOOK BACK ON THE HISTORY OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE IN 1946, LESS THAN 30 YEARS

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AGO AND UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN WHO ONLY RECENTLY DIED AND IS HONORED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING PRESIDENTS. FIRST THE PHILIPPINES WERE FORCED TO ACCEPT, IN RETURN FOR THEIR PROMISED INDEPENDENCE, A CONSTITUTION ESSENTIALLY WRITTEN FOR THEM BY AMERICANS, WHICH GRANTED EXTRAORDINARY RIGHTS BOTH TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO U.S. CORPORATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES. THEN, WITH THEIR COUNTRY LARGELY DESTROYED BY A FOREIGN WAR FIRST ENDED ON THEIR ISLANDS, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS WOULD ONLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR WAR CLAIMS AND RECONSTRUCTION IF THE PHILIPPINES MADE FURTHER CONCESSIONS SO THAT, UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF "PARITY" EVERY U.S. CITIZEN WHO LIVED IN THE PHILIPPINE HAD ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACCORDED TO FILIPINO CITIZENS UNDER THEIR CONSTITUTION. AFTER A BITTER STRUGGLE THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION WAS AMENDED TO GRANT RIGHTS OF PARITY, AND THEN THE U.S. CONGRESS REFUSED TO APPROPRIATE MORE THAN A SMALL FRACTION OF THE MONEY NECESSARY TO MEET ITS PROMISES. BUT BY THEN IT WAS TOO LATE TO TURN BACK.

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"YEARS AGO THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES WE CAN SEE THIS IS THE WAY THE AMERICANS GAIN PERMANENT CONTROL OVER THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE CONQUERED. WHAT ARE WE

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MICRONESIANS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

"THE LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MICRONESIA IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS RESTS WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THROUGH ITS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING AS IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WERE ACTING WITH SINCERITY, AND AS IF THE THINGS AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS AGREED TO ARE COMMITMENTS BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE.

"IN THE FACE OF THE EVIDENCE BEFORE US, CAN WE SAFELY CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS BASIS? THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS QUESTION WHICH DEEPLY AFFECTS THE LIVES OF ALL MICRONESIANS AND OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. SO FAR MY COLLEAGUES HAVE NOT FACED IT OR EVEN OPENLY RECOGNIZED IT.

"THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA INCLUDING THE MARIANS, MUST THINK ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND DECIDE REALISTICALLY WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT."

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(PONAPE HEARS SYMPHONY)

PONAPE, SEPT. 12, (MNS)---MORE THAN EIGHT HUNDRED RESIDENTS OF KOLONIA AND NEARBY MUNICIPALITIES ON PONAPE ISLAND WERE ENTERTAINED SUNDAY NIGHT (SEPT. 9) AS THE HONOLULU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED A CONCERT IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY YEARS.

THE ORCHESTRA ARRIVED IN THE DISTRICT AT 4:30 THAT AFTERNOON, AND MORE THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE WAITING AT THE AIRPORT TO GREET THE MUSICIANS. CIVIC ACTION TEAM TRUCKS CARRIED THE MEMBERS AND THEIR INSTRUMENTS FROM THE AIRPORT TO A SPECIAL CONCERT STAGE ADJACENT TO THE SPANISH WALL PARK. REPORTER HALVERSON JOHNNY NOTES

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THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED YEAR'S CONCERT WAS SOME FIVE HUNDRED MORE THAN ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S PROVING THAT APPRECIATION OF CLASSICAL AND SEMI-CLASSICAL MUSIC IS GROWING IN PONAPE.

FOLLOWING THE EVENING PUBLIC CONCERT, THE ORCHESTRA ON MONDAY PERFORMED FOR PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITAL, AND IN THE SCHOOLS, BEFORE LEAVING FOR GUAM LATER THAT DAY.

THE HONOLULU SYMPHONY HAD EARLIER PERFORMED IN THE MARSHALLS AND FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES ON SAIPAN LATER THIS WEEK WILL FLY TO TRUK FOR CONCERTS THERE. "DURING THIS TOUR OF MICRONESIA AND GUAM," A LEADER OF THE TOUR SAID, "THE ORCHESTRA WILL PERFORM A TOTAL OF 13 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CONCERTS AND MORE THAN 75 LECTURE-DEMONSTRATIONS IN CLASSROOMS FEATURING SMALL ENSEMBLE GROUPS OF MUSICIANS." (PONAPE PLANS FOR AG FAIR)

PONAPE, SEPT. 12, (MNS)---THE PONAPE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS BUSY PLANNING FOR THIS WEEKEND'S DISTRICT-WIDE AGRICULTURAL FAIR, THE FIRST SUCH EVENT EVER TO BE HELD IN PONAPE DISTRICT. THE TWO-DAY EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, AT THE AGRICULTURAL STATION IN KOLONIA. FARMERS FROM ALL OVER PONAPE ISLAND WILL BE BRINGING VARIETIES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE FOR EXHIBITION. A BOARD OF JUDGES, INCLUDING FATHER EDWARD

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A. SOUCIE OF PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHOOL (PATS), DAVID FULLAWAY, PONAPE FORESTRY OFFICER, RUBEN DYRIT, AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHER MRS. NENON DYRIT, WILL JUDGE THE PRODUCE.

THE FAIR WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BOTH DAYS FROM TEN A.M. TO FOUR-THIRTY P.M., REPORTS HALVORSEN JOHNNY OF WSZD. EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE VEGETABLE CROPS, FRUITS, AND LIVESTOCK LIMITED TO CHICKEN AND SWINE. THE GRAND PRIZE WILL BE A TOUR OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS, TO BE AWARDED TO TWO FARMERS WHO WILL BE DECLARED "FARMERS OF THE YEAR" BASED ON ALL PAST RECORDS AND PERFORMANCES PLUS THE FAIR'S RESULTS. OTHER PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED. JOHNNY SAYS A HOT LUNCH FEATURING LOCAL, PONAPE-PRODUCED PRODUCTS WILL BE ON SALE TO THE PUBLIC, AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE WILL BE SOLD. HE REPORTS IT IS HOPED THE FAIR WILL HELP ENCOURAGE PONAPE'S FARMERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PRODUCTS FOR LOCAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMPTION. IT ALSO WILL SERVE TO EXPOSE THE FARMERS TO NEW TYPES OF PRODUCTS WHICH CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY GROWN IN PONAPE.

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(BORJA'S STATEMENT)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 12, --- (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- SENATOR OLYMPIO T.

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BORJA OF THE MARIANAS ISSUED A STATEMENT WEDNESDAY (SEPT. 12) ON SAIPAN CONCERNING THE RECENT CLOSED-DOOR MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE, THE MARIANAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

SENATOR BORJA'S STATEMENT RELATES TO THE CURRENT TINIAN MORATORIUM ON HOMESTEADING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE LEASING OF PUBLIC LANDS ON THE ISLAND OF TINIAN.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) SAID HE IS THANKFUL OF THE AMBASSADOR'S EFFORT TO COME TO SAIPAN TO "CLEAR THE AIR" BY CANDIDLY ADMITTING THAT HIS OFFICE HAD ORDERED THE TINIAN MORATORIUM, AND THAT HE (AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS) NOW CONSIDERED IT A MISTAKE TO HAVE DONE SO WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

THE STATEMENT DECLARED THAT THE SENATOR IS STIGOMGLY OPPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES' UNILATERAL IMPOSITION OF THE TINIAN MORATORIUM. HE ASSERTED THAT SUCH ACTION BY THE U.S. DEPRIVES THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN THEIR RIGHTS TO DUE-PROCESS OF LAW AND EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS AS GUARANTEED BY THE BILL OF RIGHTS IN THE

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TRUST TERRITORY CODE.

SENATOR BORJA EMPHASIZED THAT THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION HAD REQUESTED THE U.S. DELEGATION "TO JOIN IN ASKING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER NOT TO APPROVE ANYMORE PUBLIC LAND LEASES WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION." HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH REQUEST "HARDLY WARRANTED THE SUDDEN, COMPLETE AND UNILATERAL MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TINIAN."

THE STATEMENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT DURING THE RECENT MARIANAS UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS, THE U.S. AGREED IN PRINCIPLE " TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PREVENTING LAND IN THE MARIANAS FROM BEING ALIENATED TO PERSONS NOT OF MARIANAS ANCESTRY." THE SENATOR CONTINUED, "THE UNITED STATES ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PREVENTING LAND IN THE MARIANAS FROM BEING ALIENATED TO PERSONS NOT OF MARIANAS ANCESTRY." THE SENATOR CONTINUED, "THE UNITED STATES ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH A CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO DISCUSS THE DETAILED PLANS FOR MILITARY AND RELATED LAND USE IN THE MARIANAS AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED AND TO CONSULT WITH THE PEOPLE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THOSE PLANS." HE ALSO STATED THAT THE ELECTED LEADERS OF THE MARIANAS CANNOT PROPERLY REPRESENT THEIR CONSTITUENTS IF THEY ARE "KEPT IN THE  
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DARK" AS TO WHAT THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO DO.

ACCORDING TO SENATOR BORJA, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS STATED DURING THE MEETING THAT THE TINIAN MORATORIUM IS ONLY TEMPORARY AND IT COULD RUN FOR ABOUT A WEEK, A MONTH AND/OR OVER. SENATOR BORJA, HOWEVER, URGED THE AMBASSADOR TO LIFT THE MORATORIUM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT FURTHER INJUSTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR FURTHER STATED THAT THE OBVIOUS ADMIRATION AND FONDNESS THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS HAVE FOR AMERICA STEMS FROM THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN FREEDOMS AND JUSTICE AND EVEN-HANDED JUDICIAL PROCESSES. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER,

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THAT SUCH ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES AS THE UNILATERAL MORATORIUM HAVE CAST SHADOWS OF DOUBT OVER THESE IDEAS OF AMERICA AND COULD EVEN UNDERMINE THE STATES NEGOTIATIONS.

SENATOR BORJA WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE RECENT ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE TINIAN MORATORIUM COULD POSSIBLY CAUSE THE MARIANAS TO OPT FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INSTEAD OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION. SENATOR BORJA CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY EXPRESSING HIS SUPPORT OF THE THEN-PENDING DISTRICT LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MORATORIUM.

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