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PERSONAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS
YOU WILL RECALL THAT LAST DECEMBER IN SAIPAN THE MARIANAS
POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) IN ONE OF ITS WRITTEN QUESTIONS
ASKED IF THE U.S. DELEGATION WOULD "JOIN OUR MISSION IN RE-
QUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NOT LEASE ANY PUBLIC LANDS
WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING OUR COMMISSION". AT THAT TIME WE
REPLIED THAT WE WOULD TAKE THE QUESTION UNDER ADVISEMENT BUT
WOULD CERTAINLY CONSULT FURTHER WITH THE MPSC ON THIS MATTER.
THE FORMAL U.S. RESPONSE WAS DELIVERED IN APRIL WITH THE CON-
CURRENCE OF DOTA AND SAID THAT "THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL
CERTAINLY GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO THE COUNSEL OF THE MARIANAS'
DELEGATION IN ANY PARTICULAR TRANSACTION. AS YOU KNOW, HE
NOW CONSULTS WITH THE MARIANAS' LAND COMMISSION ON PROPOSED
LEASES TO NON-CITIZENS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE

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INTERESTS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION WILL BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED DURING THE PERIOD OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS".

IT MAY DURING THE SECOND NEGOTIATING SESSION WE WERE FURTHER ADVISED BY THE MARIANAS DELEGATION THAT THEY HOPED NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN TO TRANSFER OR LEASE PUBLIC LAND WITHOUT THEIR BEING CONSULTED. LAST MONTH WHEN I MET INFORMALLY WITH THE MPSC AND DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IN SAIPAN THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED AGAIN. THE MPSC EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE TV ADMINISTRATION GRANT ANY LONG TERM LEASES DURING THIS PERIOD OF NEGOTIATION AND BEFORE THE MARIANAS THEMSELVES COULD DECIDE THE FORM AND DIRECTION OF THEIR OWN FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

SINCE THIS MATTER OF LEASES OF PUBLIC LAND IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE MPSC AND TO OUR TALKS ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE MARIANAS, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND HIGHLY BENEFICIAL IF YOU WOULD GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AND UNLESS YOU CAN FORESEE SOME MAJOR TECHNICAL PROBLEM SET UP WITH CHAIRMAN PASQUELINAN A PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE VIEWS OF THE MPSC CAN BE HEARD IN ALL FUTURE CASES INVOLVING LEASES OF PUBLIC LAND IN THE MARIANAS. YOU MAY WISH AS WELL TO WORK OUT WITH THE CHAIRMAN A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE METHOD OF HANDLING ANY PUBLICITY ON THIS SUBJECT AND LET US AND DOTA KNOW WHAT YOU PROPOSE. YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO INVOLVE FRANK ADA AND HIS STAFF AS WELL. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US. ALL BEST REGARDS. RLS*

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