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MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS: COMMENTS RE TINIAN BASE (U)
1. (C) SEVERAL COMMENTS HAVE REACHED ME HERE WITHIN PAST DAY
OR TWO WHICH INDICATE EXISTENCE OF DOUBT THAT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL
SUPPORT FOR TINIAN BASE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. ONE REPORT ALONG
THIS LINE IS THAT WHEN SENATE PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE
SPEAKER HENRY RETURNED FROM RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, THEY
TOLD MPSC CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN THAT HE WAS "CRAZY TO LISTEN
TO THE U.S. DELEGATION." THE TWO CONGRESSMEN REPORTEDLY SAID
THEY HAD TALKED TO MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS AND FOUND THAT
"THEY ARE NOT ABOUT TO VOTE 140 MILLION DOLLARS FOR A BASE
ON TINIAN WHEN BASES IN THEIR OWN AREAS ARE BEING CLOSED."
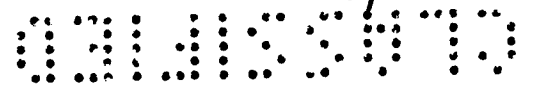
PAGE TWO RUHNSAA0516 C O N F I D E N T I A L
2. (C) I HAVE NOT HEARD ANY SUCH COMMENT FROM PANGELINAN
AND IT IS NOT SURPRISING TO FIND FRESH EVIDENCE THAT COM
LEADERSHIP IS TRYING TO HINDER MPSC SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS.
I CANNOT PUT MY FINGER ON ANY FURTHER SPECIFIC CREDIBLE COMMENT
ALONG ABOVE LINE, BUT I THINK IT PERTINENT TO POINT OUT THAT
MICRONESIAN POLITICAL LEADERS ALSO READ PAPERS AND ESPECIALLY
UNDER CURRENT UNCERTAINTY OF TT BUDGET, ARE KEENLY AWARE OF
U.S. BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS, MEANTIME, USAF TECHNICAL TEAMS
CONTINUE EXPLORATORY VISITS TO TINIAN.
3. (C) UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY
USEFUL IF PRIOR TO FORTHCOMING MARIANAS TALKS, THERE COULD BE
SOME EVIDENCE OF INTENTION TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR

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