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MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS: COMMENTS RE TINIAN BASE (U) TOR 010829Z  
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 HAKAYAMA 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."

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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 IT 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 TINIAN BASE. XXXTRENT

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(AIR FORCE TEAM ARRIVES)

SAIPAN, NOV. 1 (MNS)---A THIRD TEAM OF EXPERTS ENGAGED IN PRELIMINARY TESTING AND COLLECTION OF DATA FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SURVEY IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. MILITARY PLANS FOR BASE CONSTRUCTION IN TINIAN HAS ARRIVED IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS. THE TEAM, HEADED BY AIR FORCE MAJOR VICTOR C. FURTADO, A BIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER, ARRIVED ON SAIPAN WEDNESDAY EVENING (OCT. 31), AND FLEW TO TINIAN THURSDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH TT STAFF PERSONNEL.

THE VISIT OF THIS TEAM, WHICH EXPECTS TO REMAIN ON TINIAN APPROXIMATELY 40 DAYS, IS IN LINE WITH AN AGREEMENT REACHED DURING THE MAY/JUNE STATUS TALKS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, WHEREBY CERTAIN SURVEYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK WOULD BE DONE ON TINIAN EVEN THOUGH NO FINAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE

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USE OF THE ISLAND BY THE MILITARY.

THE CURRENT TEAM IS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH "EVALUATION OF THE EXISTING ECOLOGY OF TINIAN, FOCUSING ON AIR AND WATER, BOTH DRINKING WATER AND SEA WATER, AIR POLLUTION, AND WEATHER OBSERVATION." THE TEAM CONSISTS OF NINE INDIVIDUALS, ALL CONNECTED WITH THE AIR FORCE, FROM THE PHILIPPINES, JAPAN, GUAM AND HAWAII.

SIMILAR SURVEY TEAMS PREVIOUSLY VISITED TINIAN IN JULY AND AGAIN LAST MONTH.