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NEW MPSC MEMBER COMMENTS ON MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN INTERVIEW WITH SAIPAN STAFFER CARRIED PACIFIC DAILY NEWS TOD AY (NOV 2) PEDRO A. TENORIO, NEW MEMBER OF MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, REFLECTS AS FOLLOWS ON HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES:
  2. "I'D LIKE TO CONVINCCE MYSELF THAT THE U.S. IS NEGOTIATING WITH US NOT BECAUSE THEY LIKE US MILITARILY, BUT BECAUSE THEY LIKE US A S PEOPLE...I HAVE A LOT

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OF TRUST IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE. ...I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT TALKS BECAUSE I LIKE TO BE OUTSPOKEN ON ISSUES I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT...I'M VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY ASPECT OF ~~OR~~ OUR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS...THE MILITARY ARRANGEMENT HAS TO BE FLEXIBLE AND VIABLE. WHATEVER IS AGREED ON SHOULD NOT BE PERMANENTLY BINDING. IT SHOULD BE OPEN. I'M DEADSET AGAINST A COMPLETE MILITARY TAKEOVER OF TINIAN. FROM WHAT I'VE READ THE U.S. HASN'T JUSTIFIED THEIR NEEDS. I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE GIVEN THE COMMISSION MEMBERS ENOUGH RATIONAL INFORMATION ON IT...THE EXTENT OF THEIR PRESENCE HAS TO BE AGREED ON BY THE COMMISSION. WE SHOULDN'T BE FORCED TO ACCEPT A COMPLETE ~~XXXX~~ TAKEOVER."

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3. TENORIO NAMED U.S. MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF FINANCING NEW MARIANAS GOVERNMENT AS TWO AREAS MOST LIKELY TO BE MAJOR TOPICS OF NEXT TALKS. HE FORECAST AN "INEVITABLE" POLITICAL ALIGNMENT BETWEEN MARIANAS AND GUAM AND EXPRESSED REGRET AT SEPARATION OF MARIANAS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS BUT ALSO CALLED THIS "INEVITABLE." RE TYPE OF STATUS FOR MARIANAS, TENORIO IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "I AGREE WITH...ED PANGELINAN THAT OTHER ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN IF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING ~~XXX~~ AT NOW ISN'T MOST BENEFICIAL TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP FOR MARIANAS." TRENT

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