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SUBJECT: US MILITARY REQUIREMENTS ON TINIAN: JOE CRUZ COMMENTS

1. IN LENGTHY INTERVIEW CARRIED BY MARIANAS VARIETY DATED NOV 9, NEW MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION MEMBER JOE CRUZ OF TINIAN SAYS MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ON TINIAN WILL SUPPORT MILITARY PRESENCE "PROVIDED THEY ONLY USE THE NORTHERN PART OF TINIAN, LET'S SAY 1/3 OF THE ISLAND." HE ASSERTS MAJORITY WANT TO REMAIN IN SAN NE JOSE VILLAGE AND HAVE JOINT USE OF PRESENT TINIAN DOCK AND WEST FIELD. CRUZ SAID PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT FATE OF MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (JONES RANCH) WHICH HE DECLARED HAD KE LIFTED ECONOMY OF TINIAN 8 YEARS AGO. HE SAID HE WOULD REPRESENT MAJORITY VIEW OF TINIAN PEOPLE AT NE MPSC-US TALKS.
2. TAKING ANOTHER POSITION, HOWEVER, WHICH HE DECLARED TO BE HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEWS, CRUZ DECLARED THAT HE WAS "PRO-MILITARY AND PRO-AMERICAN" AND WOULD SUPPORT MILITARY USE OF 2/3 OF ISLAND. HE WELCOMED VILLAGE RELOCATION AS OPPORTUNITY FOR URBAN RENEWAL. HE PREDICTED MILITARY PRESENCE WOULD PROVIDE GOOD HOUSES, JOBS, MARKETS, HIGH SCHOOL, ROAD AND DOCK MAINTENANCE. HE NOTED THAT PEOPLE OF TINIAN DO NOT HOLD THEIR LAND THROUGH TRADITIONAL POSSESSION BUT THROUGH HOMESTEAD PROGRAM ACQUIRED AT \$10.00 A LOT. HE MADE CLEAR NEVERTHELESS THAT HE FAVORS MILITARY ACQUISITION BY LEASE, NOT PURCHASE, "SO THAT THE PEOPLE CAN CONTROL THE LAND."
3. CRUZ SUMMED UP HIS VIEWS: "RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IN TINIAN, AND IF WE REMAIN AS IT IS NOW, WE ARE GOING TO BE LIKE THIS FOR THE NEXT 20, 30 YEARS. SO I RATHER SEE THE MILITARY COME IN HERE AND DEVELOP THIS ISLAND. I DON'T THINK THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL LET US DOWN LIKE SOME OF THE FOREIGN PARTIES DID TO US IN THE PAST."

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