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(MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION HEARINGS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 29 (MNS)---MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION ARE HAVING A PRE-CONFERENCE ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK TO REVIEW THE LEGAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES MADE BY THE CONSULTANTS OF THE COMMISSION. SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION TOLD MNS ON SAIPAN THAT LEGAL CONSULTANT HOWARD P. WILLENS FROM THE WASHINGTON LAW FIRM OF WILMER. CUTLER AND PICKERING AND JAMES R. LEONARD AN ECONOMIC

MEANWHILE, THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS ON SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN DOING AND WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THAT HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

THE STATUS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE THIRD ROUND IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS GROUP AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER SIXTH AND CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER NINETEENTH ON SAIPAN. THE PLENARY SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL TAGA HOTEL WHILE THE WORKING SESSION IS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING.

THERE ARE TWO NEWS FACES ON THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEY ARE FORMER TINIAN MAYOR JOSE R. CRUZ, ONE OF THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM TINIAN WHO REPLACES HERMAN MANGLONA WHO RESIGNED, AND PEDRO A. TENORIO FROM SAIPAN, REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF SAIPAN WHO REPLACES JOSE C. TENORIO (JOETEN) WHO ALSO RESIGNED.