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(MARIANAS TALKS OPEN THURSDAY)

SAIPAN, DEC. 5, (MNS)---THE THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS
 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL
 STATUS COMMISSION IS DUE TO GET UNDERWAY WITH A PUBLIC,
 PLENARY SESSION AT TEN A.M. THURSDAY (DEC. 6) AT SAIPAN'S
 ROYAL TAGA HOTEL.

SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS
 COMMISSION, SAID WEDNESDAY THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED TO
 ATTEND THIS SESSION. AT WHICH HE PLANS TO MAKE AN OPENING
 STATEMENT. HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART, AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN
 WILLIAMS, WHO IS PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, IS ALSO EXPECTED TO MAKE
 AN OPENING STATEMENT AS THE TALKS BEGIN. SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS
 IN THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL, AS IN THE PAST, BE CLOSED
 TO THE PUBLIC, TAKING PLACE AT THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
 CHAMBERS IN CHALAN KANOA.

SENATOR PANGELINAN SAID THE THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS
 WILL LAST NO LONGER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, IN ORDER TO
 GIVE PARTICIPANTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE U.S., TIME TO
 RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE SENATOR AND MEMBERS OF HIS COMMISSION RETURNED TO SAIPAN
 TUESDAY FROM TINIAN, WHERE THEY HELD A PUBLIC MEETING
 TO INFORM THE PEOPLE ABOUT THE ONGOING STATUS TALKS AND SOLICIT
 THEIR VIEWS. SIMILAR MEETINGS ARE PLANNED FOR POTA AND SAIPAN
 IN COMING WEEKS.

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"THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN ARE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR FUTURE," SENATOR PANGELINAN SAID WEDNESDAY. "THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS AREA ARE QUITE SENSITIVE, AND WE WANTED TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE THAT WE WILL KEEP THEM FULLY INFORMED."

HE SAID TURNOUT FOR A PUBLIC MEETING ON TINIAN MONDAY NIGHT WAS VERY GOOD, WITH NEARLY EVERY FAMILY ON THE ISLAND REPRESENTED. THE MEETING LASTED UNTIL WELL AFTER MIDNIGHT; THE QUESTIONS WERE THOUGHTFUL AND SHOWED A CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY ABOUT PROPOSED AMERICAN MILITARY PLANS FOR THEIR ISLAND.

ASKED TO CHARACTERIZE THE MOOD, SENATOR PANGELINAN SAID THERE WAS NOT ONE SINGLE PERSON AT THE MEETING WHO SAID "I DON'T WANT THE MILITARY." BUT THERE WERE MANY WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXTENT OF MILITARY USE OF THE ISLAND, HE SAID, AS WELL AS WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A "HANDFUL" WHO ARE "CAUTIOUS" ABOUT ALLOWING THE MILITARY TO RETURN TO TINIAN.

THE SENATOR SAID THE COMMISSION TOLD THE PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE SEEKING TO REACH A COMPROMISE WITH THE UNITED STATES ON MILITARY USE OF THE ISLAND THAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE, AND HE EXPRESSED THE FEELING THAT SUCH A COMPROMISE IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT TYPE OF COMPROMISE THE MARINAS NEGOTIATIONS WILL SEEK WITH THE U.S., WHICH HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE ISLAND OF TINIAN, UTILIZING ROUGHLY TWO-THIRDS OF IT FOR A JOINT-USE MILITARY FACILITY AND ALLOWING THE REMAINDER TO BE USED FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES.

THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES TOOK PLACE IN MAY AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR. THE SEPARATE MARINAS NEGOTIATIONS BAGAN A YEAR AGO THIS MONTH. ALL THREE ROUNDS HAVE BEEN HELD ON SAIPAN.