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CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE, LAND, AND TRANSITION--AND TO REACH FURTHER TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON AS KAN OF THESE ISSUES AS TIME PERMITS; SINCE LAST THURSDAY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL WORKING SESSIONS OF TH FULL DELEGATOONS AND UF SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTING THEM TO EXPLORE SOME OF THE MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUES BEING CONSIDERING THE TWO SIDES HAVE ARRIVED AT AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE ON QUESTIONS P

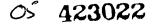
LATING TO THE RIGHT OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, A GENERALIZED APPROACH TO THE APPLICATION OF U.S. LAWS IN THE MARIANAS, AS WELL AS CUSTOMS,

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EXCISE AND INCOME TAXATION. ALSO, THE U.S. AND THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAVE REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE WURKING OF A CLAUSE IN THE ULTIMATE STATUS INSTRUMENT PROVIDING THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WILL BECOME U.S. CITIZENS OR U.S. NATIONALS AS THEY MAY DESIRE. THE SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS REACHED ON THESE AND THE OTHER TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE SET FORTH IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE RELEASED AT THE CLOSE OF THIS SESSION OF THE TALKS. THE DELEGATIONS ARE PRESENTLY DISCUSSING THE FUNDING AND INITIATION OF A SERIES OF TRANSITIONAL STUDIES AND STEPS BY WHICH THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WILL, FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF A STATUS AGREEMENT, PREPARE FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT'S SMOOTH, ORDERLY ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS PUR-SUANT TO A CONSTITUTION TO BE FRAMED AND ADOPTED LOCALLY. THE CHAIRMEN OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS ANTICIPATE THAT LATER THIS WEEK THIER DELEGATIONS WILL CONSIDER IN MORE SPECIFIC. TERMS THAN THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTEMPTED THE FUTURE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NORTHERN MARIANS AND THE UNITED STATES AND A NUMBER OF REMAINING QUESTIONS RELATING TO LAND.

PAGE 04 RUHGSAA1644 UNCLAS. THE CHAIRMEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE PACE AND MOMENTUM OF THE TALKS TO DATE HAVE MET THEIK EXPECTATIONS, THEY NOTED THAT WHILE THE DELEGATIONS ARE EXCHANGING A GREAT DEAL OF INFOR-

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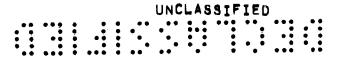
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MATION ON COMPLICATED MATTERS REQUIRING MUCH STUDY, REFLECTION, AND DISCUSSION, THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING EFFICIENTLY AND HARMONIOUSLY, END TEXT, TRENT,

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