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SUBJ: MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS DEVELOPMENTS

1. (U) MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) CHAIRED BY SEN EDWARD PANGELINAN TRAVELED TO GUAM SAT MARCH 30 ON INVITATION GUAM POLITICAL ~~STATUS~~ STATUS COMMISSION HEADED BY SEN FRANK LUJAN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF ~~R~~ MUTUAL INTEREST. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS CONTACTS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF TWO ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ DELEGATIONS, SATURDAY'S MEETING WAS DESCRIBED TO PRESS AS "FIRST IN A SERIES." ACCORDING TO ~~RXXXXXX~~ PACIFIC DAILY NEWS TODAY APR 2, LUJAN SAID BOTH COMMITTEES IN FUTURE TALKS WOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF GUAM'S REINTEGRATION WITH NORTHERN~~S~~ MARIANAS.

2. (C) PANGELINAN HAS ~~PRIVATELY~~ PRIVATELY CONFIRMED ABOVE STATEMENT, ~~COMMENTING~~ COMMENTING THAT REUNIFICATION IS "INEVITABLE, PERHAPS WITHIN TWENTY YEARS." HE THOUGHT IT "BETTER TO TALK ABOUT IT NOW."

3. (C) IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY TO HIM APR 1 AS TO GUAM MEETING, ~~PANGELINAN~~ PANGELINAN SAID GUAM STATUS COMMISSION ~~IS~~ VERY CONCERNED ABOUT MILITARY/ CIVILIAN RELATIONS. ~~HE SAID:~~ HE SAID: THEY HAVE HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE AND CAUTION US ABOUT THE PROBLEM." I POINTED TO COURSE OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AND STEPS UNDER WAY AND ~~CONTEMPLATED~~ CONTEMPLATED FOR COOPERATIVE

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ACTION ON THIS SUBJECT WITH REGARD TO NORTHERN MARIANAS (PLANS IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED IN RECENT HONOLULU MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS). HIS RESPONSE WAS A QUICK DISMISSAL: "YES, YES, BUT THE PEOPLE ON GUAM HAVE GIVEN US SOME TIMELY WARNINGS." COMMENT: PANGELINAN'S PROCLIVITY, LIKE THAT OF MANY MICRONESIANS, TO TAILOR HIS STATEMENTS AND APPARENT ATTITUDES TO HIS AUDIENCE IS EVIDENT AND, I BELIEVE, MUST BE TAKEN INTO ~~EMX~~ CONSIDERATION IN OUR ~~REKXX~~ RELATIONSHIPS OUT HERE.

5. (C) I LEARNED WHILE ON GUAM THAT ONE OF PRINCIPAL COMPLAINTS OF GUAM STATUS COMMISSION BROUGHT OUT IN MEETING WAS CONCERNED WITH CONTROL OF UTILITIES ON LAND USED BY MILITARY. COMMENT: WHILE CIRCUMSTANCES DIFFER, THIS MAY FORESHADOW AREA OF POTENTIAL CONCERN IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH MPSC ON LAND USE.

6. (C) COMMENT: THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE CONTINUING ~~EMX~~ CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING STATUS COMMISSIONS. GIVEN THE EVIDENT ANTI-U.S. SLANT OF THE GUAM GROUP, AS JUDGED BY ITS RELEASES CARRIED IN PDN UNDER LUJAN'S NAME, THE EFFECT MAY POSE SOME PROBLEMS FOR US IN DEALING WITH THE MPSC. (NOTE: APPARENTLY RECOGNIZING THEIR PROPAGANDA NATURE, PDN HAS NOW DECLINED CARRY FURTHER LUJAN STATUS-RELATED ESSAYS AS NEWS; LATEST ONE LAST WEEK APPEARED AS PAID ADVERTISEMENT.)

7. (C) IN CONVERSATION APR 1, MARIANAS DISTAD FRANK ADA TOLD ME HE PLANNED TO MOVE "THIS WEEK" TO ACTIVATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LAND AND JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MILITARY-CIVILIAN RELATIONS AND PLANNING -- THE TWO BODIES AGREED UPON IN HONOLULU TALKS.

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