

Congressman Atalig's Reply

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THE PROPOSED MOVEMENT TO PRESENT A POSITION PAPER TO THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN CHAIRED BY HONORABLE HERMAN MANGLONA WILL SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO CREATE CONFUSION AMONG THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN AND TO HINDER THE CURRENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS SAID CONGRESSMAN ATALIG. THE CONGRESSMAN STATED THAT THE ISLAND OF TINIAN HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH REPRESENTATION BY TWO CAPABLE AND RESPECTED REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE SELECTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ACCORDING TO LAW. THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN ABLY REPRESENTING THE WISHES AND DESIRES OF THE TINIAN PEOPLE IN THE STATUS TALKS. CONGRESSMAN ATALIG SAID THAT MANGLONA WAS A MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION IN THE PAST AND HAD NOT MADE THIS PARTICULAR MATTER KNOWN TO BOTH THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE U. S. DELEGATIONS. MANGLONA ABANDONED UNILATERALLY HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT EVEN BOTHERING TO CONSULT WITH THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL. IN RESIGNING HIS POSITION AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION HE HAD DEMONSTRATED TO THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN THAT HE HAD NO INTEREST IN REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN IN THE STATUS TALKS. CONGRESSMAN ATALIG FEELS THAT MANGLONA'S UNEXPECTED MOVEMENT OF GETTING ATTORNEYS FROM GUAM MAKES HIM QUESTION WHERE HIS INTENTION IS MOTIVATED BY PERSONAL INTERESTS. MANGLONA HAS GONE ON RECORD OF SUPPORTING SEVERAL BUSINESS VENTURES IN TINIAN HE WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED. NOTED CONGRESSMAN ATALIG.

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