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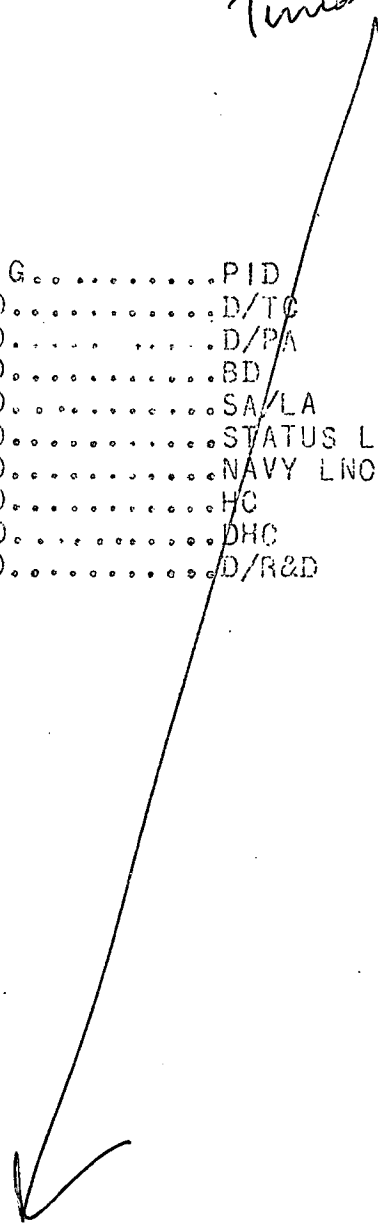
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(TINIAN GROUP RETAINS GUAM COUNSEL)

SAIPAN, APRIL 23 (MNS)---A FORMER MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS JOINED WITH TWO OTHER RESIDENTS OF TINIAN IN RETAINING APRIVATE LAW FIRM TO PREPARE A POSITION PAPER ON BEHALF OF THE TINIAN PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE U.S. MILITARY PLANS FOR THE ISLAND.

THE GROUP IS HEADED BY MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATOR AND FORMER STATUS NEGOTIATOR HERMAN MANGLONA, AND INCLUDES TINIAN COUNCILMAN SYLVESTRE CRUZ AND FORMER COUNCIL SPEAKER FELIPE MENDIOLA. THE MEN WERE TO TRAVEL TO GUAM TUESDAY (APRIL 23) TO CONSULT WITH THEIR NEW LEGAL COUNSEL, THE GUAM LAW FIRM OF ARRIOLA, CUSHNIE AND STEPHENS, ACCORDING TO A KJQR RADIO NEWS REPORT.

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THE POSITION PAPER WILL DEAL MOSTLY WITH THE OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL TINIAN PEOPLE TO THE PROPOSED U.S. MILITARY LAND REQUIREMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF THE ISLAND, THE RADIO REPORT STATED. COUNCILMAN SYLVESTRE CRUZ PLANS TO OFFER A RESOLUTION DURING THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WOULD REQUEST THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO DISCONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS ON TINIAN'S MILITARY REQUIREMENTS UNTIL THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED FULLY. CRUZ HOPES TO INTRODUCE THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND OF STATUS TALKS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION AND THE U.S., TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MAY 15.

LEGISLATOR MANGLONA SAID THE POSITION PAPER WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN FOR PUBLIC REFERENDUM. SHOULD THE PAPER BE APPROVED, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION WOULD THEN BE ASKED TO GO TO TINIAN WHERE THE POSITION PAPER WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THEM. THE LAW FIRM RETAINED BY THE GROUP WILL ALSO BE ON TINIAN FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE POSITION PAPER, MANGLONA SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE LAW FIRM WILL BE THE GROUP'S LEGAL COUNSEL DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS GROUP AND THE U.S. DELEGATION.

MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN TOLD MNS TUESDAY HE BELIEVES THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN ARE ALREADY BEING REPRESENTED BY TWO CAPABLE TINIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMISSION. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMISSION WILL LISTED TO THESE REPRESENTATIVES OF TINIAN AS ELECTED BY THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL UNDER THE LAW WHICH ESTABLISHES THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION. HE SAID HE REGRETS THAT MANGLONA RESIGNED FROM THE COMMISSION AND THAT IF HE WANTS TO REPRESENT THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN HE SHOULD HAVE STAYED ON THE STATUS COMMISSION.

CONGRESSMAN FELIPE Q. ATALIG, WHOSE ELECTION PRECINCT INCLUDES TINIAN, EXPRESSED HIS SURPRISE AT THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GROUP HEADED BY LEGISLATOR MANGLONA. "THE PROPOSED MOVEMENT TO PRESENT A POSITION PAPER TO THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN, HEADED BY LEGISLATOR MANGLONA WILL SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO CREATE CONFUSION AMONG THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN AND TO HINDER THE CURRENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS," ATALIG SAID. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GUAM-BASED LAW FIRM HAS NO BUSINESS IN THE STATUS TALKS.

BERNARD HOFSENER, ONE OF THE TWO TINIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE STATUS COMMISSION, TOLD MNS THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, HE WILL GO ALONG WITH WHAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN WANT AS AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE. HE SAID HE WILL CHECK WITH THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN CONCERNING THESE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. THE OTHER MEMBER OF THE STATUS COMMISSION FROM TINIAN IS JOSE R. CRUZ, WHO COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT TUESDAY.