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SUBJ: MRR MARIANAS INSIGHTS

REF: STATUS LNO 132 C

1(C) FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF EXTENDED CONVERSATION (APR 27) WITH MARIANAS

DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER DAVID MARATITA IN COURSE OF SHARED FLIGHT  
TO PALAU WHERE HE WENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESENTATION BY EDUCATION FOR  
SELF GOVERNMENT (ESG) TASK FORCE FROM HEADQUARTERS. MARATITA IS CHAIRMAN OF  
MARIANAS DISTRICT ESG TASK FORCE. HE COMES FROM ROTA AND IS IN CLOSE TOUCH  
WITH DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. HERE IS GIST OF HIS OBSERVATIONS.

2(C) THERE IS CONFUSION IN MARIANAS CONCERNING STATUS. PEOPLE WONDER IF  
THERE REALLY IS TO BE SEPARATE STATUS OF COMBOWEALTH OR (AS ESG PROGRAM  
SEEMS TO IMPLY) ARE NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD UNION OF ALL SIX DISTRICTS.

3.(C) DRAFT COVENANT FOR MARIANAS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN FORTHCOMING  
ROUND AND REFERENDUM HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS NECESSARY TO KNOW KNOW  
STATUS DETERMINATION BEFORE DRAWING UP CONSTITUTION. ESG PROGRAM IS SAYING  
THAT WHATEVER THE STATUS, PROSPECTIVE CONSTITUTION IS FOR INTERNAL SELF-  
GOVERNMENT. THERE IS A SPIRIT OF "INTEREST AND EXCITEMENT" WHICH HAS  
CREATED NEW MOMENTUM FOR STATUS DETERMINATION. PEOPLE ARE LIKING IDEA OF

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4. (C) INTEREST IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (WIDELY CALLED CONCON) IS HIGH. MARIANAS CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES INCLUDE MPSC MEMBERS JOE CRUZ (FOR ROTA AND TINIAN) AND MITCH PANGELINAN, AND ALSO MARATITA HIMSELF. SENXBB SEN BORJA WILL PROBABLY BE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REP.

5. (C) MARATITA MAY BE NAMED REPLACEMENT FOR TAINAHAO ON MPSC. ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION IS XXXXX FELLOW ROTANESE GREG CALVO OF TT HEALTH SERVICES.

6. (C) POLITICS ON TINIAN ARE XXXXXX ALWAYS ERRATIC WITH QUICK AND SOMETIMES APPARENTLY IRRATIONAL SHIFTS IN OPINION (COMMENT: CLEAR EXAMPLE IS TINIAN DOUBLE TALK ON CAB ROUTE PROBLEM CONTINENTAL VS PANAM). ON RECENT LEGAL ACTION BY CERTAIN TINIANESE AGAINST U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS ON TINIAN (REPORTS CARRIED BY MNS) MARATITA CHARACTERIZED HERMAN MANGLONA AS "KEN JONES' MAN", INVOLVED WITH HIM IN MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC). AS FOR FELIPE MENDIOLA, HE IS HOSTILE TO U.S., ESPECIALLY THE MILITARY, BECAUSE THEY CAUSED HIM TO LOSE PRESTIGE HE ENJOYED UNDER JAPANESE. UNDER JAPANESE RULE MENDIOLA WAS ONE OF THE HATED SAIPANESE POLICEMEN ON GUAM AND EVEN TODAY HE CANNOT GO BACK TO GUAM BECAUSE OF FEAR OF REPRISAL FOR HIS EARLIER ACTIVITY THERE. (ADDITIONAL REPORT HAS IT THAT MENDIOLA WAS ON GUAM AS FIFTH COLUMN TYPE BEFORE JAPANESE INXXXXX INVASION.)

7. (C) CONGRESSMAN ATALIG'S SOMEWHAT SURPRISING ATTACK ON MOVES BY HIS ERSTWHILE SOUL-MATES MENDIOLA AND MANGLONA IS ASCRIBED BY MARATITA IN EFFECT TO FACT THAT THEY/STHEE <sup>HAVE STOLEN</sup> HIS THUNDER AS CHAMPION SPOKESMAN OF ANTI-U.S. LAND INTERESTS ON TINIAN.

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