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(MARIANAS TALKS BEGIN)

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS) ---ANOTHER ROUND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION BEGINS WEDNESDAY (MAY 15) ON SAIPAN. UNLIKE PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THIS ROUND WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY WITH A WORKING SESSION, ELIMINATING THE USUAL OPENING PLENARY SESSION THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

WORKING SESSIONS WILL AGAIN TAKE PLACE IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN CHALAN KANOA. THE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN HEADS THE MARIANAS DELEGATION, WHILE THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM IS AGAIN HEADED BY AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND MOST MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION ARRIVED ON SAIPAN MONDAY. SENATOR PANGELINAN AND THE AMBASSADOR WERE TO MEET TUESDAY EVENING TO FINALIZE THE AGENDA AND OTHER PLANS FOR THIS ROUND OF TALKS.

IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, OTHERS IN THE U.S.

DELEGATION INCLUDE HIS DEPUTY, JAMES WILSON, NAVY CAPTAIN RICHARD SCOTT OF OMSN, HERMON MARCUSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SOLOMON SILVER OF THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; JAMES BERG OF INTERIOR, ANDRE SORENA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NAVY CAPTAIN ED WHALEN, AIR FORCE COLONEL WILLIAM KENTY, NAVY COMMANDER ROBERT WESTLAKE, EDWARD ARCHER OF OMSN, AIR FORCE LT. COL. DALE STRAIT, AND MARY VANCE TRENT, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION ARE: EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN; VICENTE N. SANTOS, VICE-CHAIRMAN; PEDRO A. TENORIO, FELIX RABULIMAN, OLYMPIO T. BORJA, JOAQUIN PANGELINAN, JOSE R. CRUZ, BERNARD HOFSEIDER, DANIEL T. MUNA, FELIPE SALAS, FRANCISCO T. PALACIOS, HERMAN O. GUERRERO, VICENTE CAMACHO, BENJAMIN MANGLONA AND JOANES TAIMANAO.

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