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SUBJECT: MARIANAS IV: AFTERMATH {U}

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1. {C} WARM CORDIALITY WHICH MARKED CLOSE OF MARIANAS IV {REFTEL}, ACCOMPANIED BY FEELING OF REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AND PROGRESS HAVE CONTINUED TO MARK ATTITUDES AND COMMENTS ON SAIPAN CONCERNING RECENTLY CONCLUDED STATUS TALKS. PERSONNEL AT TT HEADQUARTERS, WHILE POSING MANY SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS, HAVE NOTED THAT COMMUNIQUE IS MEATY AND SHOWS REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT IN UNDERSTANDABLE TERMS.

2. {C} AT TT CABINET MEETING JUNE 5 I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FOR ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS THE SUBSTANCE OF MARIANAS IV. WORKING FROM COMMUNIQUE, COPIES OF WHICH HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED, REVIEW TURNED INTO A RICH HOUR'S DISCUSSION OF PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF PROSPECTIVE COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANAS. MOOD WAS ONE OF INTEREST WITH SOME CONCERN AND CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY AS TO JUST HOW TO COPE WITH PROSPECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES. BUT THERE WAS NO FEELING OF HOSTILITY OR OPPOSITION; RATHER WAS IT OCCASION FOR SOME SOUL-SEARCHING QUESTIONS. ACTING HICOM COLEMAN WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN

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STRESSING NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CALL FOR SOME NEW APPROACHES. IN DEALING WITH QUESTIONS, I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS OCCASION TO HEAR AND NOTE VIEWS AND COMMENTS OF THOSE WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND SAID MY OFFICE WOULD ALWAYS BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION. IT WAS A MARKEDLY FREE AND SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE. LIST OF ISSUES RAISED, WHILE NOT SURPRISING, MAY BE USEFUL, I BELIEVE, IN POINTING UP NATURAL CONCERNS TO BE DEALT WITH IN DELICATE DAYS OF TRANSITION.

3. (C) THESE WERE PRINCIPAL MATTERS OF QUESTION OR CONCERN: HOW WILL BUDGETARY MATTERS BE HANDLED? WITH WORK ON FY 77 BUDGET FOR IT SOON TO BEGIN, HOW DO WE PROCEED INTELLIGENTLY? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO NON-MARIANESE WHO HAVE BOUGHT LAND IN MARIANAS (I.E. SAIPAN)? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EXPATRIATES NOW WORKING FOR MARIANAS DISTRICT? TO WHOM DOES OFFER OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR NATIONALITY APPLY? WHAT OF THOSE NON-MARIANESE WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR HOMES HERE? SHOULD THE MARIANAS PARTICIPATE IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? WILL WE LOSE PEACE CORPS TEACHERS IN MARIANAS? WHAT ARE THE JOB PROSPECTS FOR MARIANESE WHO WORK AT HEADQUARTERS, AND CONVERSELY, FOR

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FROM: WAS BEING DELAYED WITH MARIANAS' SEPARATE COURSE CLEARLY CHARTED, HE THOUGHT MARIANAS' PARTICIPATION IN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION, NEXT TO: COM REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WAS ILLOGICAL AND CONFUSING. HE THOUGHT OTHER MICRONESIANS WOULD RESENT MARIANAS PRESENCE AND VOTES (NOTING CRITICAL ISSUES ON SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA) WHEN THEIR INTENTIONS WERE NOW CLEARLY ON RECORD. I EXPANDED SOMEWHAT ON SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION RAISED BY MPSC, REMARKING THAT WE AND MPSC AS WELL WERE CONCERNED WITH SAME PROBLEM AND IN LINE WITH MPSC REQUEST WOULD HAVE IT UNDER ACTIVE STUDY AS TO HOW BEST TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. CRALEY COMMENTED HE FELT SURE COM WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO AN ORDERLY SEPARATION SINCE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TRY TO HOLD AN UNWILLING MEMBER IN THE FAMILY.

6. {C} COMMENT: THIS LAST POINT--PREDICTION OF COM WILLINGNESS TO LET MARIANAS GO IS NEW TO MY EARS AND SEEMS TO INDICATE SMOOTHER ROAD TO MARIANAS EXIT THAN HAS BEEN APPARENT HERETOFORE. PREDICTION IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST COMING, AS IT DOES, FROM SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS WHO KEEPS CLOSE COM CONTACTS.

7. {C} HICOM SPECIAL CONSULTANT DWIGHT HEINE TOLD ME, "THESE TALKS [MARIANAS IV] PROVE AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS DID RIGHT THING TO LISTEN TO

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MARIANAS REQUEST FOR SEPARATION." HE ADDED QUICKLY THAT MARSHALLESE SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT AND HE HOPES FOR RECONCILIATION IN THAT QUARTER {SEPTTEL}.

8. {C} DURING PAST FEW DAYS I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CHM. PANGELINAN, BEN CAMACHO AND FELIX RABAUIMAN OF MPSC. EACH EXPRESSED PLEASURE AND GRATIFICATION AT ATMOSPHERE AND OUTCOME OF SESSION.

9. {C} IN ANOTHER TELEPHONE VISIT, MPSC EXECUTIVE OFFICER JAMES WHITE WAS PRACTICALLY EUPHORIC ON COURSE OF TALKS. HE NOTED GROWING COMPETENCE AND GRASP OF MPSC MEMBERS CONCERNING ISSUES INVOLVED. WHITE SAID MPSC INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS ON LAND WERE VERY TOUGH AND DECISION TO ACCEPT OUR LAND REQUIREMENTS REACHED ONLY AFTER FEW PERSISTENT HOLDOUTS {WHOM HE DID NOT NAME} FINALLY YIELDED. WHITE POINTED TO NOTABLE PRESENTATION BY COMMISSION MEMBERS AT LAST DAY'S SESSION RE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF KIND OF THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION AND SPIRITED DEBATE THAT CHARACTERIZED INTERNAL MPSC WORKING SESSIONS. HE SAID COMMISSION MEMBERS FELT HEAVY BURDEN OF EFFECT OF THEIR DECISIONS ON FUTURE GENERATIONS HERE, AND HE FELT THEY HAD DEEP DESIRE TO IDENTIFY AND FOLLOW COURSE

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10. {U} PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE, ACCURATE IN  
 CONTENT AND GENEROUS IN QUANTITY. PACIFIC DAILY NEWS CARRIED  
 SUBSTANTIAL EXCERPTS FROM COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS CARRIED IN FULL BY  
 MNS AND REPEATED ON SAIPAN RADIO. LOCAL MARIANAS PAPERS PLAYED UP  
 MEMORIAL PARK IN TANAPAG AREA, USING PHOTO TAKEN AT AMBASSADOR'S  
 PRESS CONFERENCE THERE. SEVERAL SAIPANESE HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY  
 SAW AND LIKED AMB. WILLIAMS' APPEARANCE ON TELEVISION REVIEWING  
 MARIANAS IV.

11. {C} THERE WERE A FEW SOUR NOTES. PDN EDITOR JOE MURPHY WHO HAS  
 CHRONIC CONCERN THAT GUAM IS BEING UPSTAGED, COULDN'T RESIST DOING  
 AN EDITORIAL TITLED "END OF THE RANCH" {JUNE 4} IN WHICH HE OPINED  
 THAT CONSIDERING U.S. PLAN FOR TINIAN, DAYS OF KEN JONES' RANCH ARE  
 NUMBERED. HE NOTED, BUT QUESTIONED, U.S. POSITION THAT SOME NORMAL  
 AGRICULTURAL AND GRAZING ACTIVITY COULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH MILITARY  
 USE OF LAND.

12. {U} ON JUNE 4 AT LUNCHEON MEETING SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
 HEARD SPEECH BY JAMES H. WEBB, AMERICAN LAWYER, FORMER MARINE,

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FROM: AUTHOR OF FORTHCOMING BOOK ON AMERICAN MILITARY STRATEGY IN THE PACIFIC, AND CURRENTLY CONSULTANT TO GUAM TERRITORIAL PLANNING COMMISSION. WEBB AROUSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FROM HIS LARGELY AMERICAN AUDIENCE. HE SEEMED HOWEVER TO BE ADDRESSING PEOPLE OF NORTHERN MARIANAS WHEN AFTER ASSERTING HIS BELIEF "IN THE NECESSITY AND VALIDITY OF THE U.S. MILITARY PLANS FOR TINIAN," HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT "THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A MILITARY PRESENCE, BEYOND THE NEEDS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED FOR, HAVE NOT BEEN OUTLINED TO YOUR PEOPLE... ONCE IT IS GRANTED BASE RIGHTS, THE MILITARY WILL BE FREE TO USE THE BASE AREA IN ANY WAY THAT FUTURE CONTINGENCIES DICTATE." WEBB FURTHER SOUGHT TO PUT MICRONESIAN (AND MARIANAS) ASPECT OF U.S. DEFENSE LINE IN PERSPECTIVE OF OVERALL U.S. PACIFIC STRATEGY.

13. {U} PDN JUNE 5 CARRIED EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM SPEECH UNDER RED INK HEADLINE: "STRATEGIST SAYS MICRONESIAN LAND NEEDS NOT FULLY EXPLAINED."

14. {C} COMMENT: ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT PRESENT AT LUNCHEON, ON HEARING WORD OF THE SPEECH I MADE APPOINTMENT TO MEET MR. WEBB AND TALKED WITH HIM AT SOME LENGTH RE MARIANAS IV, HANDING HIM COPY OF COMMUNIQUE JUST BEFORE HE FLEW OFF TO TINIAN.

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15. {C} TINIAN'S <sup>PROM:</sup> NON-ELECTION OF MAYOR IN FIRST GO-ROUND JUNE '2.  
 {STATUS LNO 168} WITH HIGH VOTE {47%} FOR ANTI-MILITARY SPOKESMAN  
 FELIPE MENDIOLA, SUGGESTS RESIDUAL CONCERNS THERE WHICH MAY REMAIN  
 EXPLOITABLE BY UNHELPFUL GUAM-BASED ELEMENTS. {I HAVE JUST LEARNED  
 THAT FRIENDS-OF-MICRONESIA ACTIVIST CARL YUNG WAS ON SAIPAN AND  
 PERHAPS TINIAN DURING MARIANAS IV}.

16. {C} AS WE MOVE AHEAD TOWARD REALIZATION OF COMMONWEALTH OF  
 NORTHERN MARIANAS, POLITICAL ISSUES WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO  
 PRESENT DEVIATIONS AND POTHoles ALONG THE WAY. BUT THE ROAD HAS  
 BEEN CLEARED OUT TO IMPORTANT EXTENT BY MARIANAS IV, AND THERE IS  
 MORE POSITIVE AND MORE WIDESPREAD FEELING HERE THAN I HAVE KNOWN  
 BEFORE THAT AGREEMENT ON COMMONWEALTH STATUS ACTUALLY LIES NOT TOO  
 FAR AHEAD. TRENT.

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