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OR PRACTICE OF EMINENT DOMAIN AND THAT WE WERE WELL AWARE OF DESIR-
ABILITY OF ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AS PROVIDED UNDER U.S. LAW. SANTOS
ASSURED ME THAT THIS WAS UNDERSTOOD. I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE HOW-
EVER THAT HIS RAISING OF THE SUBJECT INDICATES THE INTENSITY OF
INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AS SHOWN IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS, AND
SUGGESTS NEED FOR OUR CONTINUED REASSURANCE OF CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH
RIGHT IS EXERCISED.

12. (C) SANTOS SAID THAT HE AND SOME OTHER MPSC MEMBERS WENT TO
TINIEN ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 31 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT
OF MARIANAS IV. THE GROUP WAS MET BY HERMAN MANGLONA WHO NOT SUR-
PRISINGLY WAS "SORE" AT RESULT OF TALKS AND ASSERTED HE WAS GOING TO
PURSUE THE MATTER WITH HIS ATTORNEY. SANTOS SAID THAT HE AND HIS
COLLEAGUES HAD MADE POINT ON TINIEN THAT MPSC HAD MADE ITS DECISION
FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE MARIANAS. LAND, THEY HAD POINTED OUT, IS

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ONLY ONE PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THEY HAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE U.S. REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAD SERIOUSLY FELT THAT VOTE WAS FOR THE FUTURE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS AND THE STABILITY OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. THEY PLEADED FOR SETTING ASIDE PERSONAL INTERESTS. IN CONTRAST TO MANGLONA, SYLVESTER CRUZ, WHO HAD SIGNED THE ANTI-U.S. PETITION SOME WEEKS AGO, DID NOT APPEAR DISTURBED BY MARIANAS IV AND SHOWED NO INDICATION OF PRESSING ANY OPPOSITION. SANTOS WONDERED ALOUD IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME AS TO JUST WHAT ARE MANGLONA'S RESOURCES. HE HAS A FAMILY TO SUPPORT, SANTOS REMARKED, BUT NO VISIBLE MEANS OF INCOME.

13. (C) REFERRING TO THE JUNE9 ELECTION FOR MAYOR OF TINIAN, SANTOS SAID SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE MENDIOLA "THINKS HE OWNS THE WHOLE ISLAND" AND HIS ATTITUDE CAN BE CHANGED ONLY WHEN HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IS NOT AFFECTED. TO MY COMMENT THAT IT SEEMED ODD IF MENDIOLA WERE GENERALLY UNPOPULAR THAT HE HAD WON THE ELECTION, SANTOS SAID SOMEWHAT CRYPTICALLY "WHEN YOU PASS OUT MONEY THE VOTE IS SURE." HE ADDED THAT THESE COMMENTS REFER TO SAIPAN AS WELL AS TO TINIAN. (COMMENT: SANTOS' COMMENT WAS SECOND INDICATION THAT VOTES HAD BEEN BOUGHT ON TINIAN. CONGRESSMAN FELIPE ATALIG HAD TOLD ME EARLIER IN THE DAY IN WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN MOCK SHOCK, THAT "THEY" HAD DISTRIBUTED \$500.00 TO PUT MENDIOLA IN THE JOB.)

14. (C) SANTOS LOOKS FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE TO SIGNING THE AGREEMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. COMMENTING THAT BIGGEST PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN LAND ISSUE, HE DESCRIBED MPSC PROCEDURE OF REACHING DECISION ON THIS CRITICAL POINT. HE SAID ATMOSPHERE HAD BEEN VERY "INTENSE" WHEN VOTE WAS TAKEN. VOTE WAS INDIVIDUAL, BY VOICE, "WITH HEADS DOWN."

15. (C) TAIMANAO OF ROTA WAS FIRST IN SEATING ORDER AS VOTE WAS TAKEN. HE CAME OUT WITH A STRONG YES WHICH, SANTOS SAID, STARTED IT OFF RIGHT. RABAU LIMAN, REPRESENTING CAROLINIANS, ALSO CAME IN STRONG AS DID TAIMANAO'S FELLOW ROTANESE BEN MANGLONA. SANTOS SAID CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN HANDLED IT "VERY BEAUTIFULLY." THERE WAS ONE ABSTENTION WHICH, AS IS CUSTOMARY IN VOTING HERE, WAS RECORDED AS AFFIRMATIVE ON SECOND TIME AROUND. VOTE THEREFORE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF FULL U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS PACKAGE, I.E., FARALLON DE MEDINILLA, SAIPAN AND TINIAN. (COMMENT: SANTOS DID NOT NAME THE ABSTAINER. HE DID HOWEVER REMARK THAT ROTA AND SAIPAN WERE FAVORABLE. SINCE TINIAN'S JOE CRUZ GIVES EVERY INDICATION OF HAVING JOINED U.S. BANDWAGON, IMPLICATION SEEMS TO BE THAT HOFSCHEIDER OF TINIAN MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO WITHHELD HIS APPROVAL.)

16. (C) SANTOS SAID THAT A YEAR AGO HE HAD THOUGHT MPSC WOULD NEVER AGREE ON LAND REQUIREMENTS, AND SIX MONTHS AGO HE WOULD HAVE RECKONED ON AT LEAST FIVE NEGATIVE VOTES. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ATMOS-

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PHERE OF CANDID AND OPEN DISCUSSION AND INFORMAL GOOD FELLOWSHIP DURING MARIANAS IV HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN BRINGING THE COMMISSION AROUND. REFERRING TO U.S. DELEGATION/MPSC JOINT VISIT TO ROTA DURING TALKS, HE SAID, "WE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH THAT SATURDAY ON ROTA. SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS WERE MADE THERE."

17 (C) SANTOS CONCLUDED HIS ACCOUNT WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HIS GRATIFICATION AT POPULAR REACTION IN THE MARIANAS TO THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS. "PEOPLE REALLY APPRECIATE WORK OF THE MPSC NOW." HE AGREED THAT THE FULLEST EXPLANATION, WITH TRANSLATION AS NECESSARY OF THE RESULTS AND MEANING OF MARIANAS IV WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO THE CONTINUING PREPARATION FOR ULTIMATE PLEBISCITE. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS GLAD TO NOTE A NEW TONE OF POSITIVE REACTION FROM AMERICANS IN THE DISTRICT.

18. (C) AS REFTTEL INDICATED, THERE IS A NEW SPIRIT HERE OF AWARENESS THAT THE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS ARE "FOR REAL" AND THAT A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S., WHICH WILL ENTAIL SEPARATION FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA LIES AHEAD. JON ANDERSON'S COLUMN IN MARIANAS VARIETY OF JUNE 7 SUMS THIS UP. REFERRING TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANDERSON SAID "IT IS A FASCINATING DOCUMENT, REPRESENTING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON NEARLY EVERY MAJOR POINT REMAINING IN THE PLAN TO MAKE THE MARIANAS A U.S. COMMONWEALTH. IT IS, I STRONGLY FEEL, A VIRTUAL BLUEPRINT OF WHAT THE FINAL DRAFT COVENANT WILL LOOK LIKE...THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE READ AND CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY BY THE LEADERSHIP IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS, PARTICULARLY BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THEN PERHAPS THEY WILL ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER THE TIME HAS NOT AT LAST COME TO ADMIT WHAT HAS BEEN FAIRLY EVIDENT FOR SOME TIME--THAT IT IS FAR TOO LATE TO ENTERTAIN EVEN A FAINT HOPE OF BRINGING THE MARIANAS BACK INTO THE FOLD."

19. (C) GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS LAST POINT WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN JOINT NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL. TRENT.

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