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SUBJECT: RES PONSE TO MAYOR MENDIOLA'S LETTER OF AUG 28 RE

THE LAND SURVEYS ON TINIAN

PASS TO STATUS LNO BERGESEN STATUS LNO PLEASE SEND FOLLOWING TO MAYOR MENDICLA ON TINIAN.

QUOTE. DEAR MR. MAYOR.

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS ASKED ME AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE TTPI ON STATUS MATTERS TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 28 REGARDING U.S. MILITARY LAND REQUIREMENTS ON TINIAN IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY HELD AS MILITARY RETENTION LAND.

FIRST, THE AMBASSADOR WISHES YOU TO KNOW THAT HE IS BY NO MEANS UNCONCERNED OR DISINTERESTED IN THE PETITION TO WHICH YOUR LETTER REFERS. HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN DURING THE PUBLIC MEETING LAST MAY THAT HE DID NOT REFUSE TO ACCEPT YUR PETITION. ON THE CONTRARY, HE ONLY ASKED THAT IT BE REFERRED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AS A MATTER UNDER THEIR COGNIZANCE AND FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION SINCE THEY REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS IN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS REGARD THE AMBASSADOR IS CONFIDENT THAT THE MPSC AND MOL WILL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THIS AND OTHER PETITIONS OR

PROCLAMATIONS AS WELL AS TO ALL SUBSEQUENT MANIFESTATIONS OF LOCAL OPINION AS THEY RELATE TO THE STATUS QUESTION.

AS REGARDS THE TINIAN LAND SURVEY ITSELF, THE AMBASSADOR NOTES THAT THIS IS PROCEEDING AS PLANNED AND IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH THE MPSC AND THAT IT IS HOPE THAT THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF LAND ISSUES INVOLVING THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE AMBASSADOR'S BEST WISHES AND HIS
ADMIRATION FOR YOUR OBVIOUS CONCERN FOR THE INTERESTS OF
YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS. ALE. BERGESEN. ND QUOTE. KISSINGER.
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