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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN THE MARIANAS CONCERNING POLITICAL STATUS (U)

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1. (C) AS INDICATED REPTEL, THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE POLITICAL STATUS FOR NORTHERN MARIANAS IS COMING ON STRONG AS ISSUE IN CURRENT SESSION OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM). TRUK CONGRESSMAN MACHIME O'ISONIS IN ABBITLY WORDED SPEECH IN HOUSE YESTERDAY (JAN 21) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CONGRESS' DECISION TO MEET ON SAIPAN WHERE THEY COULD ENJOY TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY IN TRADITIONAL CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA AND DO SO "FOR YEARS TO COME." NOBODY MISSED THE DOUBLE ENTERDRG; WEEKEND PRESS CONTINUED TO GIVE ATTENTION TO SUBJECT WITH MURPHY EDITORIAL IN PACIFIC DAILY NEWS FOCUSING ON ALLEGED ROTA SEPARATISM BUT POINTING OUT THAT ROTA COULD NOT SURVIVE AS SEPARATE DISTRICT AND THAT "MUCH WILD GERRYMANDERING JUST DOESNIT MAKE ANY SENSE TO ANY THINKING PERSON."

2. (C) MPSC VISIT TO ROTA OVER WEEKEND TO EXPLAIN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND SMOKE OUT GRASS ROOTS SENTIMENT WAS DESCRIBED TO ME JAN 21 BY BOTH CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN AND CORLINIAN MEMBER RABAULIHAN IN SEPARATE

CONVERSATIONS AS SUCCESSFUL, BUT THERE WAS SOME DIVERGENCE IN THEIR REPORTS, PANGELINAN SAID ROTA'S REAL CONCERN IS FOR MONEY AND ATTENTION AND THAT ROTANESE ARE EAGER FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP, HE ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR MORE ATTENTION TO ROTA BY MARIANAS GOVERNMENTAL

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BODIES, RABAULIMAN SAID ROTANESE CAME UP WITH PITCH FOR THEIR OWN
BODY TO HANDLE RETURN OF PUBLIC LAND AND TOOK POSITION THAT NO STATUS
AGREEMENT SHOULD BE COMPLETED UNTIL WAR CLAIMS ARE SETTLED SATIS-
FACTORILY. HE SAID NINE MEMBERS OF MPSC HAD PARTICIPATED IN THREE-
FOUR MEETING ON ROTA INCLUDING ROTA MPSC MEMBER BEN MANGLONA WHOSE
COLLEAGUE TAYMANAO HAS NOT APPEARED ON ROTA SINCE CONCLUSION OF
MARIANAS III. ALSO ABSENT FROM MPSC AT PRESENT ARE JOE CRUZ
(TRAVELING IN U.S. WITH HIS ENTRY PROBLEMS APPARENTLY SOLVED) AND
FRANK PALACIOS (ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN KUSATE).
3. (C) IN WAKE OF PUBLICATION OF JOE'S SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (REFTEL)
ISSUE OF RIGHTS FOR CAROLINIANS IN MARIANAS HAS SURFACED FAIRLY
PROMINENTLY. SPOKESMAN OF MARIANAS YOUNG MOVEMENT ORGANIZATION,
A PREDOMINANTLY CAROLINIAN GROUP, HAS TOLD PRESS (PDN) THAT CARO-
LIANS DO NOT SUPPORT SEPARATE MARIANAS-U.S. STATUS TALKS, COMMENTING
"I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANYTHING THAT PULLS US FURTHER APART." HOWEVER,
RABAULIMAN, WHO REPRESENTS UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION IN MPSC,
DISMISSING THAT SPOKESMAN AS AN OPPORTUNIST, COMMENTED TO ME IN
CONVERSATION JAN 21 THAT CAROLINIANS ARE WITHHOLDING COMMITMENT ON
STATUS QUESTION UNTIL BOTH MARIANAS AND JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENTS
ARE DRAFTED, HE SAID THAT AT HIS URGING PANGELINIAN AND HE MET WITH:

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CAROLINIAN LEADERSHIP ON SAIPAN JAN 18 TO GIVE SOME BASIC EXPLANATION
OF BACKGROUND AND MEANING OF DEC 19 COMMUNIQUE WHICH THEY ARE IN
PROCESS OF TRANSLATING INTO BOTH CAROLINIAN AND CHAMORRO.
4. (C) ON OTHER HAND JOE LIFOIFOI, ALSO PROMINENT IN CAROLINIAN
AFFAIRS ON SAIPAN, HAS TOLD ME THAT HE " AND MOST OTHER CAROLINIANS"
SUPPORT SEPARATE MARIANAS STATUS PRINCIPALLY FOR ECONOMIC REASONS
SINCE THEY SEE PROSPECTS FOR GREATER PROSPERITY IN CLOSE RELATIONS
WITH U.S. AND SEPARATION FROM OTHER DISTRICTS. LIFOIFOI APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN MAKING PLAY FOR CONGRESSIONAL ATTENTION AND I UNDERSTAND
HE HOSTED RECEPTION FOR SOME CONGRESSMEN JANUARY 19.
5. (C) TERRITORIAL PARTY'S OSCAR RASA WHO ALMOST MADE OFF WITH
OLYMPIC BURJAI'S SENATE SEAT IN 1972 ELECTION HAS RECENTLY RETURNED
TO SAIPAN ON WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE HAS BEEN DOING GRADUATE WORK IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE. IN INTERVIEW CARRIED IN SAIPAN'S I GASETA
JANUARY 19 RASA, WHO IS PART CAROLINIAN AND IS REFERRED TO AS A
POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, TAKES STRONG POSITION AGAINST ANY
REINTEGRATION WITH GUAM WHICH HE DECLARES "WOULD SIMPLY MAKE US A
COLONY OF THE BUSINESS, POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS OF GUAM."
RASA APPEARS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE REINTEGRATION AS FUTURE RESULT

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OF CURRENT MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS AND SAYS: "THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM
A CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S. MUST COME DIRECTLY FROM THE U.S.
AND NOT VIA GUAM."
6. (C) WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO CAROLINIANS SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS OVER

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PAST FEW DAYS HAVE POINTED UP CERTAIN ASPECTS OF LOCAL THINKING CONCERNING U.S. PLANS, IN IMPROMPTU DISCUSSION JANUARY 18 IN CONGRESS GALLERY, TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SPEAKER HARRY CRUZ TOLD ME PEOPLE THOUGHT U.S. WAS ASKING FOR TOO MUCH LAND, HE NOTED THAT MPSC VISIT TO TINIAN TO ASSESS SITUATION AND EXPLAIN PLANS IS SCHEDULED AT END OF SERIES OF MPSC POLITICAL EDUCATION MEETINGS (FEBRUARY 9), AND THAT THIS WOULD FOLLOW RETURN OF JOE CRUZ FROM TRAVELS, SPEAKER SAID IT IS PLANNED TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON TINIAN IN WAKE OF MPSC VISIT, ASKED ABOUT TINIAN FEELING WITH RESPECT TO RELOCATION OF THE VILLAGE, HE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE TO MOVE, 7. (C) CONGRESSMAN FELIPE ATALIG TOLD PDNIS STAFFER MADDEX (PDN JANUARY 18) THAT HE PLANS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION CALLING FOR FUTURE REFERENDUMS (SIC) ON ROTA AND TINIAN, HIS PROPOSED REFERENDUM ON TINIAN WOULD INCLUDE QUESTIONS CONCERNING U.S. MILITARY USE AND VILLAGE RELOCATION, HIS TIMING, HOWEVER, IS FOR OCTOBER, A DELAY WHICH SUGGESTS THAT ATALIG'S PLOY MAY BE USUAL ONE OF PUBLICITY

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RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE,

8. (C) DEBRIEFINGS OF TWO TEAMS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELED TO TINIAN UNDER CONTRACT TO USAF FOR PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY HAVE PROVIDED FURTHER INSIGHT INTO SOME THINKING AND CONDITIONS ON TINIAN, TEAM WHICH WAS ASSIGNED TO DO SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECT REPORTED THAT OLDER RESIDENTS OF TINIAN WERE HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY IN JAPANESE TO TWO OF THE RESEARCHERS ON VISITING TEAM, TEAM LEADER DESCRIBED TINIAN PEOPLE AS "GRACIOUS" IN CONNECTION WITH TEAM'S ENQUIRIES, BUT LEADER CAME UP WITH ASSESSMENT THAT PREDOMINANT THOUGHT ON TINIAN IS THAT MILITARY SHOULD HAVE NO MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE ISLAND AND THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO MOVE THE VILLAGE, PEOPLE SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN IMPROVED MEDICAL AND EDUCATION FACILITIES WHICH THEY HOPE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THEM,

9. (C) IN MEETING ON SAIPAN WITH MEMBERS OF MPSC (BORJA, GUERRERO, MUNA, CAMACHO) TEAM FOUND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR TINIAN, MEMBERS COMPARED TINIAN RESEARCH FAVORABLY WITH THAT DONE IN CONNECTION WITH EIS ON ISLEY FIELD WHICH THEY FELT WAS INADEQUATE, THEY RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF EIS SHOWS ADVERSE EFFECT OF MILITARY PRESENCE AND THEY MADE CLEAR THEIR FEELING THAT MILITARY SHOULD NOT HAVE MORE LAND THAN ACTUALLY

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NEEDED, I.E., NOTHING FOR CONTINGENCY USE ONLY;

10. (C) MEDICAL TEAM WHICH VISITED TINIAN JANUARY 12 WAS APPALLED BY
POOR MEDICAL FACILITIES NOT ONLY ON TINIAN BUT ON SAIPAN AS WELL
WHERE THEY VISITED HOSPITAL AND NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL; THEY FELT
THAT TINIAN COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE ATTENTION TO HEALTH NEEDS ARE
THOROUGHLY JUSTIFIED AND COMMENTED THAT VILLAGE RELOCATION WOULD
BENEFIT PUBLIC HEALTH, (COMMENTED: IN VIEW OF TINIAN INTEREST IN
IMPROVED HEALTH FACILITIES, THIS POINT MIGHT BE EFFECTIVELY USED IN
SUPPORT OF VILLAGE RELOCATION).

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11. (C) TWO-MAN ARMY TEAM VISITING AT SAME TIME WAS PARTICULARLY
APPRECIATIVE OF FACILITATION GIVEN ON TINIAN TO THEIR MISSION TO
EXPLORE TERRAIN, PROSPECTIVE STORAGE AREAS, ETC.

12. (C) COMMENT: UNDER PANGELINANIS ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP, MPSC IS
TACKLING FORMIDABLE AND ESSENTIAL TASK OF INFORMATION AND EXPLANATION
OF MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; THIS CLEAR SIGN OF MOVEMENT IN
STATUS AREA IS NATURAL SPUR TO CONSIDERATION OF SUCH RELATED
SUBJECTS AS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVECTION, POLITICAL EDUCATION AND RETURN
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