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SUBJECT: POLITICAL EDCHATION ACTIVITIES OF MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC)

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CONTENT AND AUDIENCE OF MPSC MEETINGS IN SAIPAN COMMUNITIES TO EXPLAIN AND DISCUSS MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. APPEAR TO HAVE PICKED UP CONSIDERABLY FROM FIRST SAIPAN MEETING LAST WEEK REFERRED TO IN REFTEL. MEETINGS ARE CHAIRED BY MPSC CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN, WHO EXPLAINS COMMONWEALTH CONCEPT AND REPORTS PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS. IS ACCOMPANIED BY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MPSC MEMBERS. PROCEEDINGS ARE MOSTLY IN CHAMORRO WITH MPSC RABAULIMAN INTERPRETING IN CAROLINIAN AS PANGELINAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN SANTOS DESCRIBE AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

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AS WIDE-RANGING, COVERING SUCH ASPECTS OF FUTURE STATUS AS TAMATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND LAND.

- 2. (C) WHILE TURNOUTS ARE NOT ALWAYS LARGE, PROCEEDINGS ARE TAPED AND AIRED FOLLOWING DAY ON RADIO WHICH COVERS ALL MARIANAS. BROADCASTS SOME_
 TIMES LAST AS LONG AS FIVE HOURS, AND SINCE PROCEEDINGS ARE IN THE TWO
 LOCAL VERNACULARS THEY ARE INTELLIGIBLE TO EVERYBODY (I.E. ALL RESIDENTS
 OF MARIANAS) AND SEEM TO BE DRAWING WIDE AUDIENCE.
- 3. (C) IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS PANGELINAN AND OTHER MPSC MEMBERS CAMACHO AND GUERRERO HAVE EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE MEETINGS. PANGELINAN POINTS OUT THAT MPSC PROGRAM IS BRINGING THE IMPORTANT STATUS ISSUES TO THE PEOPLE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PROSPECTIVE TT PROGRAM OF EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REALLY MEET THE NEED. HE FEELS THAT PARAMOUNT NEED IS POLITICAL STATUS EDUCATION AND THAT ONLY THE STATUS NEGOTIATORS THEMSELVES ARE PROPER OR CREDIBLE INFORMANTS. WITH REGARD TO MARIANAS, HE TOLD DOTA OFFICER BERG THAT HE ENVISIONS A BILATERAL "COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM" AS SOON AS AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED, AND SEES A ROLE FOR A FULL-TIME U.S. CITIZEN IN THIS EFFORT. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT STATUS POLITICAL EDUCATION WOULD NECESSARILY OVERLAP SUCH OTHER POLITICAL EDUCATION DURING TRANSITION PERIOD AS THAT RELATING TO MARIANAS CONSTITUTION.
- 4. (C) IN FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH BERG (JAN 26) PANGELINAN COMMENTED
 ON VIEWS OF CAROLINIAN SECTOR OF MARIANAS POPULATION. AND THE EXEMPLE AND THE CAROLINIANS ARE WARY ABOUT BECOMING
 U.S. CITIZENS. APPARENTLY THEY FEEL THAT THIS OCCUPANCE WOULD TEND TO
 LUMP THEM TOGETHER WITH THE MORE NUMEROUS CHAMORROS IN THE EYES OF THE
 U.S. AND THUS CAUSE THEM TO LOSE THEIR IDENTITY. THEY ARE ALSO

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CONCERNED FOR THE FATE OF CAROLINIANS WHO WORK IN AND AROUND TT HEADQUARTERS.

PANGELINAN SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF MARIANAS CITIZENS WHO WORK AT HEADQUARTERS ARE CAROLINIAN. HE SAID THAT HE ANSWERED THIS CONCERN BY SAYING

IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE

AVAILABLE IN THE MARIANAS COMMONNEALTH GOVERNMENT, ON TINIAN, ETC.

THIS INFORMATION SEEMED, HE SAID, TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THEIR CONCERN.

THE CAROLINIAN RELUCTANCE AS TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP, HE FEELS, GOES TO THE

HEART OF THE MATTER: THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WILL "ALWAYS" BE TWO

PEOPLES IN THE MARIANAS. HE SAID HIS PERSONAL FEELING IS THAT THE

DIFFERENCES WILL VANISH OVER TIME BUT HE IS NOT SO SURE THAT THE CAROLINIANS

AND SOME CHAMORRCS BELIEVE THIS OR DESIRE IT.

5. (C) COMMENT: UNDER ITS ENERGETIC CHAIRMAN, WHOSE LEGAL TRAINING AND MATURAL LEADERSHIP ARE PROVING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, MPSC THOUGH CONSCIOUS OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IS RETAINING MOMENTUM ENGENDERED BY MARIANAS III.

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