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

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1. (C) 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. HE
IS ACCOMPANIED BY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MPSC MEMBERS. PROCEEDINGS ARE
MOSTLY IN CHAMORRO WITH MPSC RABAULIMAN INTERPRETING IN CAROLINIAN AS
NECESSARY. PANGELINAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN SANTOS DESCRIBE AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

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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 HEAD-QUARTERS 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 COMMONWEALTH 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 CHAMORROS BELIEVE THIS OR DESIRE IT.

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

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