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SUBJECT: MPSC MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY

1. (C) ACCORDING TO MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) CHAIRMAN SENATOR PANGELINAN, ONE OF TINIAN'S TWO MEMBERS ON THE COMMISSION, FRANK HOCOG, HAS RESIGNED AND HAS BEEN SUCCEEDED BY BERNARD HOFSCHEIDER. HOFSCHEIDER, APPOINTED TO THE POST BY THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, IS A FORMER MEMBER OF MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, PRESENTLY LIVING ON SAIPAN WHERE HE WORKS IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.
2. (C) COMMENT ON THIS EARLIER-RUMORED RESIGNATION, PANGELINAN TOLD ME THAT HOCOG FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO ATTEND MPSC MEETINGS AND DO NECESSARY WORK WHILE AT SAME TIME CONTINUING HIS TEACHING AT TINIAN SCHOOL. HOCOG WANTS TO MAKE TEACHING HIS CAREER AND THEREFORE DECIDED TO STAY WITH IT AND RELINQUISH MPSC DUTIES. PANGELINAN APPEARED TO REGARD THE CHANGE AS ACCEPTABLE BUT HE DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT. SIMILAR ATTITUDE TAKEN BY HERMAN GUERRERO WHEN I MENTIONED IT TO HIM.

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3. (C) COMMENT: HOCOG HAS GIVEN A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS OF HIS SINCERE INTEREST IN TEACHING AND IN WELFARE OF ~~OF~~ HIS STUDENTS. HE ALSO HAS SHOWN SOME RESERVATIONS AS TO MILITARY PLANS FOR TINIAN ALTHOUGH HIS CONCERN APPEARED TO HAVE LESSENED SOMEWHAT WITH NEW U.S. POSITION ON EXTENT OF LAND ACQUISITION DURING ~~MARIANAS III~~ MARIANAS III. I HAVE NOT YET MET HOFSCHEIDER, BUT WILL FOLLOW-UP. THE OTHER TINIAN MEMBER, JOE CRUZ, IS IN EUROPE ON VACATION, APPARENTLY HAVING DECIDED, BY NECESSITY OR DESIRE, NOT TO PRESS FOR SOLUTION OF HIS U.S. ENTRY PROBLEMS.

4. (C) FOLLOWING UP PANGELINAN'S EXPRESSED INTENTION TO CARRY OUT STATUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, MPSC HAS NOW ANNOUNCED THAT "WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAST NEGOTIATION OF DECEMBER 1973, THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT IT NOW HAS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO BEGIN CONDUCTING POLITICAL EDUCATION MEETINGS WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSES OF INFORMING THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS ISLANDS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS."

5. (C) FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IS GIVEN: JAN 19 ROTA, JAN 22 SAN ANTONIO, JAN 23 CHALON KANOA (DISTS 1, 2, 3), JAN 24 CHALAN KANOA (DIST 4), JAN 25 SUSUPE, JAN 26 SAN JOSE, JAN 28 SAN VICENTE, JAN 29 GUALOA RAI AND GARAPAN, JAN 30 TANAPAG, JAN 31 SAN ROQUE, FEB 6 PAGAN, FEB 9 TINIAN. SCHEDULE IS BEING WIDELY AND REPEATEDLY ANNOUNCED IN PRESS AND ON RADIO IN ENGLISH AND CHAMORRO. ALL MEETINGS SET FOR 7 P.M. SCHEDULE WILL ENABLE COMPLETION OF CIRCUIT JUST PRIOR TO OPENING OF MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATION.

6 (C) ANNOUNCEMENT URGES ATTENDANCE AT "THESE IMPORTANT MEETINGS" AND SAYS FULL MEMBERSHIP OF MPSC WILL BE PRESENT AT MEETINGS "TO MEET AND DISCUSS WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS."

6. (C) COMMENT: AN IMPORTANT RESULT OF MARIANAS III HAS BEEN TO UNDERSCORE LOCALLY (AND TO THE CONVENING CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS WELL) THAT OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MARIANAS ARE IN EARNEST AND THAT THE TWO DELEGATIONS ARE ON THEIR WAY TOWARD DETERMINATION OF A FUTURE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH.

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THIS DAWNING REALIZATION, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OF INCREASED POLITICAL AWARENESS AND SOME OUTSIDE PRESSURES, MAY BE EXPECTED TO EVOKE MOUNTING QUESTIONS AND PERHAPS REFLECT CERTAIN CONCERNS AS THE PROCESS OF WORKING OUT AN UTLIMATELY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION PROCEEDS TO FRUITION.

7. (C) MEANWHILE SAIPAN'S ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ACCELERATES. 707-CHARTER FLIGHTS ARRIVE DIRECT FROM TOKYO, THEIR PASSENGERS FILLING THE HOTELS AND PROVIDING A BONANZA FOR ALL AVAILABLE TOURIST FACILITIES. THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL MOVES, IF SLOWLY, TO A HOPED FOR PARTIAL OPENING IN MARCH, AND THE INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL NEXT DOOR ON THE BEACH BREAKS GROUND.

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