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MEMORANDUM FOR MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION FILE

Subject: Conversation with Roger Stillwell

I called Roger Stillwell, who is Congressman Won Pat's assistant, to discuss the Public Health Service Act. He told me that so far as he knew all of the present programs under that Act applied to Guam. The bill which the Congressman introduced, H.R. 15029, would simply amend the definition of the word "State" in the Public Health Service Act so as to be sure that future amendments or programs would automatically encompass Guam. The bill has been stalled and no action is anticipated during this Congress.

Stillwell also told me that the Democratic candidate for Governor in Guam defeated the incumbent Republican in the run-off election yesterday. However, the Legislature has shifted from being predominantly Democratic to being predominantly Republican. Two members of the Legislature who had pushed for changes in Guam's status -- in particular, the Chairman of the Status Commission, Senator Lujan -- were "handily" defeated. Stillwell said he thought that this was a repudiation of efforts to change Guam's status, and indicated that the Congressman would proceed very slowly in status matters in view of the results of the election.

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