

(AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS STATEMENT)

12/2/74

SAIPAN, DEC. 2 (MNS) 74 AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON HIS DEPARTURE MONDAY (DEC. 2) FOR SAIPAN FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE FIFTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

"I AM PLEASED TO BE TRAVELLING TO SAIPAN TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO TAKE UP ONCE AGAIN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL GIVE THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS A CHANCE TO CHOOSE FREELY THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE. THE MONTH SINCE OUR LAST MEETING IN MAY HAVE BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE ONES AND MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVELS IN REACHING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON A DRAFT TEXT OF A COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT.

"THE EFFORTS AND THE REPORTS OF THE JOINT DRAFTING AND THE JOINT LAND COMMITTEES WILL PROVIDE THE RENEWAL OF MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FULL MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATIONS ALREADY LAID SUBSTANTIAL FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD FULL UNDERSTANDINGS WILL BE REACHED BEFORE THE END OF THE FIFTH ROUND.

"WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO RESUMING OUR FRIENDSHIPS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE MPSC AND SPENDING THE EVENING WITH THEM MONDAY NIGHT. TUESDAY (DEC. 3) WE HOPE TO BEGIN BY DISCUSSING THE AGENDA, PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND THE TIMETABLE FOR THE FIFTH ROUND. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO PUBLIC MEETINGS ON TINIAN, ROTA AND SAIPAN BEFORE RETURNING TO OUR HOMES IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS."

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS WHO WILL ARRIVE WITH THE AMBASSADOR MONDAY EVENING ARE: JIM WILSON, WILLIAM'S DEPUTY; CAPTAIN RICHARD SCOTT, USN; CAPTAIN EDWARD WHELAN, USN; ADRIAN DEGRAFFENREID, HERBERT MARCUSE, EMMET RICE FROM THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS; EDWARD ARCHER, OSMN; AND TWO OTHER SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

(TINIAN OUSTER MOVE FAILED)

SAIPAN, DEC. 2 (MNS)---AN ATTEMPT BY TINIAN'S MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO REMOVE THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) FAILED LAST WEEK BY A VOTE OF FOUR TO THREE, THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS REPORTED.

THE REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS BEGAN NOVEMBER 17 WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE JOSE R. CRUZ AND BERNARD HOFSCHEIDER FROM THE COMMISSION AND REPLACE THEM WITH VICENTE MANGLONA AND HENRY HOFSCHEIDER.

TINIAN MAYOR FELIPE C. MENDIOLA SAID THAT THE PROPOSED OUSTER WAS PROMPTED BECAUSE THE "TWO REPRESENTATIVES ARE GOING ALONG WITH THE DECISIONS OF AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION."

SOURCES ON TINIAN, THE DAILY NEWS STORY STATED, SAID THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE RESOLUTION TO REMOVE CRUZ AND HOFSCHEIDER, ALFONSO S. BORJA, WITHDREW HIS RESOLUTION DURING LAST WEEK'S MEETING.

THE THREE NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, HENRY HOFSCHEIDER, VICENTE SABLON, AND ELIAS BORJA VOTED AGAINST THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESOLUTION. THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS, SPEAKER SILVESTRE CRUZ, HARRY L. CRUZ, LEONARDO F. DIAZ AND ALFONSO S. BORJA VOTED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESOLUTION.

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(MPSC PETITION)

SAIPAN, DEC. 2 (MNS)--A PETITION BEING CIRCULATED ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK DEMANDING THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) TO "CONSULT WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS PRIOR TO ANY AGREEMENT AND COMMITMENT...FOR A PROVISION ON A COMPACT DEFINING THE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE

PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

ACCORDING TO MARIANAS VARIETY NEWS AND VIEWS, SAIPAN'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, IN OUTLINING THE REASONS FOR THEIR DEMANDS, THE PETITION STATES, "WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OF THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS EXISTING IN THE MARIANAS WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE FINALIZATION OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. NOW, THEREFORE, WE DEMAND THAT:

1) PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WHO REQUESTED FOR HOMESTEAD LAND SHOULD BE GRANTED ENTRY, AND THOSE WHO MET THE REQUIREMENTS BE ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE;

2) PUBLIC LANDS BE RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS TO CONTROL AND ADMINISTER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE;

3) COMPLETION OF WAR CLAIMS WITH JUST COMPENSATION.

DR. FRANCISCO PALACIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS TERRITORIAL PARTY SAID THE PETITION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION BEFORE THE FIFTH ROUND OF TALKS, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN DECEMBER 5TH ON SAIPAN.

(THREE FINANCE EMPLOYEES COMPLETES TRAINING)

SAIPAN, DEC. 2 (MNS)---THREE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE REVENUE DIVISION HAVE COMPLETED A TWO-WEEK STUDY PROGRAM WITH THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT IN HONOLULU.

THEY ARE: ANTONIO SABLAN, MARIANAS DISTRICT; PETER GILTUG, YAP DISTRICT, AND JACK CABRERA, HEADQUARTERS, SAIPAN.

SABLAN, MARIANAS DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, REPORTED THE PROGRAM WAS VERY INTERESTING AND INFORMATION. "THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND EFFICIENT," HE SAID ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK.

RON PETERSON, IT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, SAID THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TRAINING PROGRAM BETWEEN THE IT GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND U.S. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT PEOPLE.

PETERSON ALSO INDICATED FOUR ADDITIONAL REVENUE DIVISION EMPLOYEES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SELECTED FROM THE REMAINING DISTRICT OFFICES AND SENT TO HONOLULU FOR TRAINING EARLY NEXT YEAR.