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INFO RADM CROWE (OP62B), MR BERNARD DOVE (PRP) FROM
CAPT WHELAN

DELIVER DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS
OUTLOOK FOR STATUS TALKS

1. TINIAN MPSC MEMBERS CRUZ AND HOFSCHEIDER FLOWN IN NAVY CIA A/C TO TINIAN YESTERDAY TO ATTEMPT TO SOFTEN BLOW TO TINIAN PEOPLE OF JUST-ANNOUNCED DOD CHANGE REGARDING BASE.
2. ON RETURN TO SAIPAN 12 DEC, CRUZ REPORTED SURPRISING (TO US) REACTION BY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF LEADERS AND RESIDENTS; HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT SURE HOW ACCURATELY CRUZ PRESENTED NEW PLAN.
3. IN ANY EVENT, CRUZ/HOFSCHEIDER PICKED UP AT SAIPAN AIRPORT BY NAVY LNO LCDR BATEMAN. DURING DRIVE TO TOWN, CRUZ TOLD BATEMAN THEY MET WITH TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND MAYOR MENDIOLA IN FIVE HOUR MEETING. ALSO APPARENTLY MET WITH OTHER GROUPS ON TINIAN.
4. CRUZ WAS ENTHUSIASTIC/OPTIMISTIC AS RESULT OF MEETING AS OPPOSED TO HIS DEPRESSED MOOD EXHIBITED JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR TINIAN. HE STATED THINGS HAD GONE WELL AND THAT WE ARE ALL FRIENDS AGAIN; HOWEVER, CRUZ INDICATED THAT PRO-US QUOTE FRIENDS OF AMERICA UNQUOTE GROUP HAD LOST SOME ENTHUSIASM.
5. AT CONCLUSION OF TINIAN COUNCIL MEETING, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (INCLUDING MAYOR) TO SUPPORT MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR TWO THIRDS OF TINIAN, ALTHOUGH MAYOR STILL NOT FULLY CONVINCED MILITARY NEEDED THAT MUCH. THIS RESOLUTION REASSURED CRUZ TREMENDOUSLY AND WAS PRIMARY SOURCE OF HIS BOUYANT ATTITUDE.
6. AN INTERNAL MARIANAS MATTER WAS RAISED AS A RESULT, I.E., TINIAN PEOPLE NOW DEMANDING THREE PERCENT OF ALL PROCEEDS FROM TINIAN LAND.
7. CRUZ, SAID HIS NEWS WOULD BE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE MPSC.
8. REPORTING THIS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND TO OTHER ASSESSMENTS OF MARIANAS REACTION. WOULD GUESS THAT INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS/COUNSEL OF MPSC WILL SUPPRESS THIS NOTE OF OPTIMISM FOR AWHILE TO WRING MAXIMUM DISCOMFORT OUT OF OUR UNPLEASANT ANNOUNCEMENT. ALSO, WE ARE TRYING TO GET MPSC REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS LAND USE/COST RATIONALE IN ORDER TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE.

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