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SUBJECT: WILSON MEETING WITH MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC)

1. (U) WILSON, ACCOMPANIED BY STATUS LNO, MET WITH MPSC FEBRUARY 14 IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WHICH CENTERED LARGELY ON TINIAN ASPECT OF U.S./MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS. PRESENT FROM MPSC WERE CHAIRMAN EDWARD PANGELINAN, HOFSCHEIDER, TENORIO, SALAS, RABULIMAN, CAMACHO, CRUZ, J. (MITCH) PANGELINAN AND GUERRERO.

2. (C) WILSON OPENED WITH REFERENCE TO INITIAL ACTIVITIES OF AD HOC COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON AND SAID WE WERE INTERESTED IN ANY THOUGHTS OR SUGGESTIONS FROM MPSC FOR INCLUSION IN TALKS. RESPONSE CENTERED ON CRUZ' STATEMENT THAT MARIANAS PEOPLE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PLANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ESPECIALLY ASPECTS OF TIMING, FUNDING, COMPOSITION AND MANNER OF SELECTING DELEGATES. CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN SAID HE FELT MARIANAS

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DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SHOULD TAKE UP QUESTION IN ITS FALL MEETING.

3. (C) TENORIO URGED THAT AD HOC COMMITTEE LOOK INTO SOCIAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PROSPECTIVE NEW STATUS. HE STRESSED NEED TO RAISE LEVEL OF EDUCATION IN MARIANAS URGENTLY IN ORDER THAT PEOPLE MAY BE PREPARED TO ASSUME NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. HE ESTIMATED COST OF UPGRADING FOR QUALITY OF EDUCATION AS \$1800 PER CHILD AND NOTED THAT SIMILAR COST ON GUAM IS ABOUT \$2,000.

4. (C) CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN ADDED NOTE OF CONCERN AS TO LOCAL MEDICAL STANDARDS AND UNDERLINED TENORIO REMARKS BY SAYING THAT WHILE MARIANAS PEOPLE ARE NOT "SCARED" TO ENTER INTO NEW RELATIONSHIP, THEY DO WANT TO BE ADEQUATELY PREPARED. THEY HAVE BEEN SO GEARED IN THEIR THOUGHT TO CIP AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS THAT INSUFFICIENT THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO QUALITY. HE URGED ADDITIONALLY THAT FURTHER STUDY BE GIVEN TO ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RELOCATION OF THE CAPITOL OF MICRONESIA AND STRESSED THAT MPSC HAS RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING NECESSARY RECOMMENDATIONS TO MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FOR ACTION. IN THIS CONNECTION HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT MPSC HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THOROUGHLY INFORMED CONCERNING WORK OF AD HOC COMMITTEE AS IT PROGRESSED.

5. (C) CHAIRMAN ALSO NOTED ESSENTIAL NEED TO INFORM PEOPLE AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT IS GOING ON CONCERNING STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND CALLED THIS EFFORT "A TOUGH JOB." HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SPECIAL U.S. FUNDS MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THIS WORK. WILSON SAID U.S. WOULD EXPLORE THIS, BUT INDICATED NO OPTIMISM. WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO POLITICAL EDUCATION CRUZ EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NEW TT PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT. HE THOUGHT IT GEARED TO TT-WIDE NEEDS AND POINTED OUT THAT MARIANAS SITUATION WAS QUITE DIFFERENT. HE AND PANGELINAN BOTH STRESSED VALUE OF VILLAGE SEMINARS AND PERSONAL CONTACT IN POLITICAL EDUCATION WORK RATHER THAN RELYING ON IMPERSONAL BROADCASTS AND PRINTED WORD.

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6. (C) TENORIO RAISED QUESTION AS TO ATTITUDE OF U.S. CONGRESS TOWARD U.S./ MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO RECENT ALLEGATIONS BY WON PAT THAT MARIANAS BEING OFFERED BETTER DEAL THAN GUAM. WILSON STRESSED THAT U.S. SIDE HAD MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF KEEPING APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS INFORMED AND THAT SIMILAR EFFORTS ARE CARRIED OUT WITH LEADERSHIP ON GUAM. ASIDE FROM DEBRIEF BY CHAIRMAN BURTON, HOWEVER, AND CONTINUING WORK WITH COMMITTEE STAFFS, THERE HAS NOT BEEN OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK SPECIFIC POINTS ON GUAM AND WON PAT'S SPEECH WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.
7. (C) PANGELINAN SAID TINIAN LEADERSHIP PLANS TO MEET WITH MPSC NEXT WEEK AND NEEDS FULLEST INFORMATION ON TINIAN ASPECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS (COMMENT: FACT SHEET BASED ON PREPARATION DONE IN OMSN WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO PANGELINAN IN SUFFICIENT COPIES FOR USE BY MPSC BEFORE THEIR MEETING ON TINIAN FEBRUARY 9, BUT EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT MATERIAL WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED TO MPSC MEMBERS AND APPARENTLY LITTLE ATTENTION GIVEN TO IT). HE ALSO RAISED QUESTIONS REGARDING REFERENDUM RECENTLY PROPOSED BY TINIAN MAYOR ON U.S. MILITARY NEEDS ON TINIAN.
8. (C) WILSON OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HOLD AN INTELLIGENT REFERENDUM BEFORE ALL ASPECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED. CRUZ COUNTERED WITH STRONG EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR REFERENDUM DECLARING THAT TINIAN IS SPLIT BETWEEN TWO FACTIONS, ONE FAVORING LEASE TO U.S. FOR 1/3 OF ISLAND AND OTHER FAVORING LEASE OF 2/3. NOBODY IS ENTIRELY OPPOSED TO THE MILITARY, HE SAID, BUT MPSC IS BEING ACCUSED OF "SELLING TINIAN." (COMMENT: NEW TINIAN MEMBER OF MPSC HOFSCHEIDER TOLD STATUS LNO BEFORE MEETING THAT "NOBODY" ON TINIAN SUPPORTS 2/3 CONCEPT.) CRUZ EXPRESSED VIEW THAT REFERENDUM WAS NEEDED TO SETTLE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS VERITABLE FEUD ON TINIAN AND STRESSED THAT ONLY PEOPLE OF TINIAN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN. HE NOTED THAT OTHER ELEMENTS FROM GUAM

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(WHOM WE HAVE SEEN BEFORE ON TINIAN IN UNHELPFUL ACTIVITIES) SHOULD BE KEPT OUT.

9. (C) WILSON POINTED TO FALLACY OF "1/3 VS. 2/3 CONCEPT" STATING THAT PEOPLE APPARENTLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND BASIC CONSIDERATION THAT ONLY WEST FIELD AREA IN MIDDLE OF ISLAND IS LONG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE 12,000 FOOT RUNWAY, WHICH IS FUNDAMENTAL TO ENTIRE BASE CONCEPT. U.S. IS NOT ENGAGED IN A LAND GRAB, HE POINTED OUT, BUT IS NEGOTIATING TO ACQUIRE ONLY WHAT IS REALLY NECESSARY. FULL INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE OF TINIAN BEFORE THEY ARE ASKED TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS ON THIS ISSUE.

10. (C) CRUZ SAID HE HAD TOLD PEOPLE THAT UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS THEY ENJOYED NO INCOME FROM 2/3 OF THEIR ISLAND WHEREAS A LEASE OF THE LAND WHICH MPSC IS TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WOULD MEAN INCOME. JONES RANCH WAS ONLY OTHER REAL INCOME PRODUCER. WILSON POINTED TO NEED FOR LAND SURVEY BEFORE DEFINITIVE DETERMINATIONS MADE. NOTED THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS YET POSSIBLE ON FUTURE OF JONES RANCH AND THIS COULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE BEARING ON EMPLOYEES WHO MIGHT FEAR FOR THEIR JOBS. ^{9 11. (c)} MITCH PANGELINAN, COUNTERING CRUZ' SUPPORT FOR REFERENDUM, SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS TOO SOON FOR SUCH VOTE. HE SAID BIGGEST PROBLEM IS PEOPLE'S SUSPICION. THEY ARE ASKING: "DOES U.S. NEED ALL THE LAND IT IS ASKING FOR" AND LOOKING AT UNUSED MILITARY LAND IN GUAM. MPSC ALONG WITH U.S. IS UNDER SUSPICION BECAUSE OF WHAT IS REGARDED AS UNFAIR MORATORIUM ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH IN EFFECT SEEMS TO FAVOR BIG AMERICAN OPERATOR JONES (WHO HAS JUST ANNOUNCED PLANS TO BRING IN AN ADDITIONAL 700 DAIRY COWS) WHEREAS OTHERS ARE BEING PREVENTED FROM ACQUIRING LAND. HE SAID PEOPLE ON TINIAN ARE ALSO PRESSING QUESTIONS AS TO WHY HOMESTEADS CANNOT BE OPENED IN AREA NOT INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS.

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12 (C) WILSON POINTED OUT THAT BIG PROBLEM ON MORATORIUM IS LACK OF AGREEMENT SO FAR BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS ON TINIAN LAND AND MOVEMENT OF VILLAGE. UNTIL THIS WAS DONE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL EXACTLY WHAT LAND WOULD BE AVAILABLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS IT WAS NOW TIME TO ACTIVATE MILITARY-CIVILIAN WORKING GROUP MENTIONED IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF DECEMBER 19. CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN MADE UNENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO EFFECT THAT MAYBE MPSC COULD DESIGNATE MEMBERS.

13 (C) CRUZ WONDERED IF NEW HOMESTEADS MIGHT NOT BE GRANTED WITH AN APPROPRIATE RESERVATION WHICH WOULD COVER THIS PROBLEM. WILSON SAID EVERYONE WANTED THIS SETTLED JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ANY NEW SUGGESTIONS ON *How* THIS MIGHT BE DONE WOULD CERTAINLY BE WELCOME.

14 (C) MITCH PANGELINAN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TINIAN SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS A SPECIAL PROBLEM BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARIANAS AS A WHOLE. HE THEREFORE OPPOSED REFERENDUM AT THIS TIME ON TINIAN. HOFSCHEIDER COUNTERED THAT USE OF LAND ON TINIAN IS A MAJOR PART OF NEGOTIATIONS. CRUZ MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF PEOPLE OF TINIAN VOTE IN REFERENDUM TO LIMIT LAND TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT BASE DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE THEN, AS HE PUT IT, "WE WILL HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THEM."

15 (C) CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN SUGGESTED ENTIRE MATTER OF REFERENDUM BE CONSIDERED FURTHER BY MPSC, INDICATING NO PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM FOR THE PROPOSAL. REPEATED U.S. OPPOSED AT THIS TIME, WILSON/SUGGESTED PRIORITY ATTENTION BE DEVOTED TO DISSEMINATION OF BASIC FACTUAL INFORMATION TAILORED TO MEET LOCAL CONDITIONS AND THAT JOINT CIVIL/MILITARY GROUP MIGHT LOOK AT THIS AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. (AS FIRST STEP ^{STATUS} LNO WILL PUT NEW "FACT SHEET" ^{INTO} CHAMORRO AND IN CONSULTATION WITH CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI SEE IF ANY MPSC SUGGESTIONS CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN VERSION TO BE PUBLICLY DISSEMINATED.)

16 (C) MISSING FROM MEETING WAS OLYMPIO BORJA WHO HAD THREE HOURS PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED RESOLUTION IN SENATE (SJR 97) EXPRESSING "GRAVE CONCERN AND

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SEVERE CONDEMNATION OF RECENT ACTIONS OF AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN
AND THE OFFICE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH REFERENCE TO THE
SO-CALLED TINIAN MORATORIUM." (ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT BORJA HAS BEEN
IN FOREFRONT OF TINIAN LAND SPECULATORS.)

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