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HICOMTERPACIS FOR STATUS LNO
SUBJ: TINIAN REFERENDUM
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ACCORDING SAIPAN DAILY NEWS STORY CARRIED PACIFIC DAILY NEWS MARCH 17,
MARIANAS DISTAD ADA HAS STATED IN SUPPORT OF HIS DECISION TO VETO
SUBJECT REFERENDUM (REFTEL) THAT REFERENDUM WOULD BE AN "ATTEMPT TO
UNDERMINE" U.S. -MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS STORY REPORTS ADA AS
SAYING THAT WHILE HE APPRECIATES THE PEOPLE'S DESIRE TO BE HEARD
ON "SUCH AN IMPORTANT BUT YET HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND EMOTIONAL

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ISSUE." THE TIMING IS INAPPROPRIATE.

STORY QUOTES ADA FURTHER: "WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EXPRESSIONS OF SOME KIND OF MILITARY REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICALLY ON TINIAN, SUCH REQUIREMENTS ARE EXTREMELY GENERAL IN NATURE SERVING AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR PURPOSES OF NEGOTIATION." ADA ALSO POINTED OUT, ACCORDING TO FDM THAT THE MARIANAS SO FAR HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING "AS A WHOLE". "AS SUCH THE BENEFITS OF THE THREE RESIDENTS OF THE MARIANAS MUST BE UPHOLD AT ALL TIMES. TO PERMIT ONE MUNICIPALITY TO EVEN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE NEGOTIATIONS WELL, IN MY OPINION, BE THE BEGINNING OF FRAGMENTATION THAT WILL LEAD TO NO APPRECIABLE CONCLUSION IN OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE

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A POLITICAL STATUS. I DO NOT MEAN THAT THE INTEREST OF TINIAN BE NOT PROTECTED. TO THE CONTRARY, I FEEL THAT BY MARIANAS UNITING TOGETHER THE INTEREST OF THE TINIAN PEOPLE MAY BE BEST PROTECTED RATHER THAN THE PEOPLE OF X TINIAN X TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO DECIDE OTHERWISE."

DISFAD ADDED THOUGHT THAT REFERENDUM MIGHT PROVIDE FORUM "WHERE SYMPATHY AND EMOTION WILL REIGN AND THE OBJECTIVE WILL BE LOST DURING THE BARRAGE OF EMOTIONS." HE NOTED HE HOPES HIS DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL NOT DISCOURAGE THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN FROM FORMING THEIR OWN OPINIONS OF LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES."

TINIAN'S REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, FELIPE ATALIG, TOLD FDM HE THINKS CONGRESS SHOULD NOW GIVE REFERENDUM PRIORITY IF A SPECIAL SESSION IS CALLED THIS SUMMER. ATALIG IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "I'M JUST VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE OPINION OF OUR LOCAL LEADERS ON TINIAN WAS NOT RESPECTED. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CORRECT ASSESSMENT OF WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT." TREAT SENDS

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