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SUBJ: TINIAN REFERENDUM
REF: STATUS LHO NO. 98

ACCORDING SAIPAN DATELINE STORY CARRIED PACIFIC DAILY NEWS MARCH 13, 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 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 A PDN THAT THE MARIANAS SO FAR HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING-"AS A WHOLE". "AS SUCH THE BENEFITS OF THE ENTIRE RESIDENTS OF THE MARIANAS MUST BE UPHELD AT ALL TIMES. TO PERMIT ONE MUNICIPALITY