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(MARIANAS STATUS TALKS SET)
 SAIPAN, APRIL 4 (MNS) --- THE FOURTH-ROUND OF STATUS TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION IS TENTATIVELY SET TO BEGIN MAY 15, ACCORDING TO SEN. EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS GROUP, DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE SITE IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR EITHER HONOLULU HAWAII, THE COMMISSION'S FIRST PRIORITY OR SAIPAN, AS ITS SECOND CHOICE.

THE TIMETABLE WAS SET BY SENATOR PANGELINAN AND AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, IN HAWAII LATE LAST MONTH. SEN. PANGELINAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN VICENTE N. SANTOS TRAVELLED TO HAWAII TO MEET WITH WILLIAMS TO MAKE PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

LAST WEEKEND, THE 15-MEMBER MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION, WENT TO GUAM FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE GUAM POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, HEADED BY SEN. FRANK LUJAN. ACCORDING TO PANGELINAN, THE MEETING WAS VERY INFORMAL AND INVOLVED A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON MILITARY MATTERS AND AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS AND VIEWS REGARDING THE GENERAL ISSUE OF POLITICAL STATUS.

THE SUBJECT OF MARIANAS RE-INTEGRATION WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING BUT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS DISCUSSION ON IT, SENATOR PANGELINAN TOLD MNS.

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