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1. IN ORDER TO COVER FULL CIVIL-MILITARY SPECTRUM OF EVENTS MENTIONED REFTEL THE FOLLOWING ANALYSIS BY CINCPACREP GUAM SPEC ASST TTPI IS PROVIDED:

A. DISCUSSION WITH SEN PANGELINAM, VICENTE SANTOS AND JOE CRUZ AT GUAM AIRPORT ON MORNING OF THEIR MEETING WITH GUAM POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION INDICATED ALL THREE MEMBERS OF MPSC KNEW WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO HEAR. MORE IMPORTANTLY THEY UNDERSTOOD BASIC RATIONALE BEHIND CONTINUED EFFORTS ON PART OF GUAM GROUP TO HAVE JOINT MEETING

B. TO PUT COMMENTS OF GUAM POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (GPSC) MENTIONED REFTEL INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE ONE MUST LOOK AT GROUP'S COMPOSITION. ALMOST ENTIRE MAKEUP OF GPSC IS IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUALS WHO OPPOSED NAVY ON SELLA BAY ISSUE. ALTHOUGH SEN LUJAN IS CHAIRMAN OF GROUP AND IS MOST VOCAL, SEN PAUL BORDALLO EXERTS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON COMMISSION. CONSEQUENTLY ANY AND ALL ASPECTS OF MILITARY PRESENCE ON GUAM, WHETHER LAND, PEOPLE OR UTILITIES WILL BE PRIMARY SUBJECTS IN OVERALL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.

C. AS PERCEPTIVELY NOTED IN REF A, LUJAN AND GPSC EDITORIALS HAVE BEEN SO ONE-SIDED THAT EVEN PACIFIC DAILY NEWS HAS STOPPED THEIR FREE GRATIS PUBLICATION. MOREOVER, LUJAN'S ANTI-MILITARY EDITORIAL DIATRIBES HAVE BEEN FREQUENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY COUNTERED BY PRO-US, PRO-MILITARY ARTICLES IN PDN. ONE OF THE BEST YET WAS FULL PAGE 25 MARCH ARTICLE BY JANET GOODWIN, ENTITLED POLITICAL STATUS AND AMERICANISM. IN IT MS GOODWIN UNLEASHES SOLID AND CONVINCING REBUTTAL TO JUST ABOUT EVERY POINT MADE BY LUJAN AND GPSC. THIS PLUS CONTINUING DISPUTES BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF GPSC ITSELF HAVE CAUSED LATTER TO LOSE CONSIDERABLE

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D. WITH RESPECT TO UTILITIES CONTROL AS A PROBLEM AREA ON GUAM THE CHRONOLOGY ASPECT IS CONVENIENTLY OMITTED. IT IS TRUE THAT FROM ABOUT 1958 (ORGANIC ACT PERIOD) UNTIL RECENT YEARS, CONTROL OF UTILITIES (WATER, ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE) WAS A POINT OF DISPUTE. HOWEVER, THIS COMPLAINT HAS LOST VALIDITY TODAY. THE PUBLIC PHONE SYSTEM HAS BEEN TURNED OVER ALMOST COMPLETELY TO GOVGUAM AND THE REMAINDER WOULD BE IF THEY HAD CAPACITY AND TECHNOLOGY TO ABSORB. SAME IS TRUE FOR ELECTRICITY AND WATER. FACT IS GOVGUAM HAS ASKED FOR DELAY IN TURNING OVER MORE UNTIL THEIR PHONE LINES, SWITCH FACILITIES AND GENERATING CAPACITIES ARE INCREASED AND IMPROVED.

E. IN BRIEF, PANGELINAN AND MPSC DECISION TO MEET WITH GPSC IS VIEWED BY THIS WRITER AS SIMPLY GOOD NEGOTIATING TACTICS AND HIS REMARKS NOTED REFEEL ARE A REFLECTION OF THIS. PERSONALLY BELIEVE HE IS CAPABLE OF EVALUATING CORRECTLY THE WARNINGS OF LUJAN AND GPSC. MOREOVER, WHATEVER INTRO ADS WERE ESTABLISHED AT MEETING, BELIEVE THEY CAN BE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED TO EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION BY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MIL-CIV RELATIONS AND PLANNING WHEN IT MEETS.

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