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MEMORANDUM FOR MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION FILE

Subject: Conversation with Adrian deGraffenried

Adrian told me this morning that according to Alf Bergeson, Oscar Rasa feels that the land alienation provision of the Covenant will be rejected by Congress. In any event, Rasa is said to oppose the land alienation provision because he is in favor of a free market in land [sic]! Rasa also feels that Congress should act first on the Covenant.

Bergeson also reported that the chances of Rasa being appointed to Joint Future Committee on Future Status are increasing at the present time. This was said to be based on rumor and speculation though, not on any hard facts which Bergeson dug up.

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