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BASIC ISSUES WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS. THEY CAN BE CATEGORIZED INTO
FOUR PARTICULAR LEVELS. THEY ARE (1) THE QUESTION OF FUTURE
POLITICAL STATUS. (2) IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION OF LANDS TO THE

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COMMON MAN, (3) UPGRADING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FOR THE PEOPLE, AND (4) PROVIDING A SOUND ECONOMIC SYSTEM FOR THE COMMON MAN.

"THE ESSENCE OF THIS CONGRESS IS SIMPLY ONE WHICH IS BASIC TO ANY POLITICAL INSTITUTION, NAMELY MAXIMUM PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE MASSES," REPRESENTATIVE RASA ADDED.

THE SAIPAN CONGRESSMAN HAS BEEN ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS,

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APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS.

HE IS ALSO THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

(US VS. TURTLE)

SAIPAN, JAN. 15 (MNS)--THE PACIFIC BUSINESS NEWS, A HAWAII NEWSPAPER, CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ITS JANUARY 6 ISSUE.

"THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLOSED OUT ITS 1974 CALENDAR WITH A SUIT BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST ONE HAWKSBILL TUZBE."

"IT SEEMS THAT THE TURTLE WAS SHIPPED BY R.M. LYONS FROM YAP TO HIS HONOLULU ADDRESS IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR. THE TURTLE WAS SEIZED BY CUSTOMS WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED TO BE ONE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES. IT HAS BEEN HELD IN CUSTODY BY THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE EVER SINCE."

"ALTHOUGH LYONS HAS RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE TURTLE'S ARRIVAL AND SEIZURE, HE HAS FAILED TO CLAIM IT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW FILED A SUIT TO FORFEIT THE REPTILE, PRESUMABLY FOR

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RETURN TO YAP OR FOR TRANSFER TO A ZOO."

MNS WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT SIMPLY THROW THE TURTLE BACK INTO THE OCEAN AND LET IT FIND ITS WAY BACK TO YAP. WE ARE SURE THE TURTLE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RETURN TO ITS OWN ENVIRONMENT AND THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GRATIFIED IN

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HAVING SAVED MONEY WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE SPENT IN THE
TRANSPORTATION OR FEEDING COSTS FOR SUCH AN UNWELCOMED GUEST.

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