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MPSC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PLEBISCITE (C)

1. (C) WITH COVENANT FOR NORTHERN MARIANAS SIGNED FEB 15 AND APPROVED BY MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION NOW UNDERWAY WITH MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION MEMBERS IN LEADING ROLES. IMMEDIATE MPSC PROGRAM FOR EXPLAINING COVENANT TO PEOPLE CONSISTS OF DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENT ITSELF, FREQUENT SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON RADIO AND PUBLICATION OF NEWSPAPER.

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2. (C) TT PRINT SHOP HAS COMPLETED PRINTING OF 1,000 COPIES OF COVENANT, TECHNICAL AGREEMENT AND NEGOTIATING HISTORY, 900 OF WHICH SHOULD BE DELIVERED MPSC FEB 28. CHAMORRO AND CAROLINIAN TRANSLATIONS REPORTEDLY COMPLETE BUT NOT YET APPROVED AND REPRODUCTION NOT YET UNDERWAY.

3. (C) GEORGE CALLISON OF TT ESG STAFF HAS BEEN DETAILED TO MPSC AND IS WORKING ON NEWSPAPER AND RADIO SIDE OF EDUCATION EFFORT. CALLISON HAS LAID OUT FORMAT FOR PAPER TO BE KNOWN AS QUOTE THE COVENANT UNQUOTE WHICH WILL HAVE AT LEAST TWELVE ISSUES BEFORE MID-

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JUNE. HE HAS ARRANGED WITH TT PRINT SHOP FOR TWO THOUSAND COPIES OF EACH ISSUE AND ASSURES STATUS LNO THAT DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE TO ALL POPULATED ISLANDS. PAPER WILL CONSIST OF EIGHT PAGES. CENTER FOUR PAGES OF EACH ISSUE WILL HAVE PORTION OF COVENANT AND EXPLANATION IN ENGLISH, CHAMORRO AND CAROLINIAN. REST OF PAPER WILL BE IN ENGLISH AND WILL INCLUDE LETTERS TO EDITOR, COMMENTARY, RELEVANT NEWS ITEMS AND REBUTTAL OF SPECIFIC CHARGES MADE BY CRITICS. EDWARD DLG PANGELINIAN WILL HAVE REGULAR COLUMN KNOWN AS QUOTE COMMON SENSE UNQUOTE. FIRST ISSUE EXPECTED TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY MARCH 7.

4. (C) STARTING MARCH 4 OR 5 CALLISON EXPECTS TO HAVE FIVE OR TEN MINUTE SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON RADIO THREE OR FOUR TIMES DAILY.

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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FOR NINE WEEKS. PURPOSE WILL BE TO GO THROUGH COVENANT START TO FINISH, EXPLAINING MEANING. OTHER PLANS FOR RADIO AND TV STILL TENTATIVE, BUT INCLUDE INTERVIEWS AND SHORT SPOTS OF LOCAL CITIZENS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AND STATING REASONS THEY SUPPORT COMMONWEALTH.

5. (C) OTHER IDEAS FOR BOOKLETS AND POSTERS ALSO FLOATING, BUT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF. QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOKLET AND "PRIMER" UNDER PREPARATION IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. BERGENSEN SENDS.

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