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PANGELINAN AND TENORIO MET PRESIDENT FORD)
WASHINGTON, MAR. 21 (MNS)---UNITED STATES PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD MET WITH EDWARD BLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSO), AND SENATOR PEDRO A. TENORIO ON WEDNESDAY (MAR. 19) IN THE OVAL OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE. F15

THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE MPSO PRESENTED THE PRESIDENT AN ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE COVENANT SIGNED LAST MONTH IN SAIPAN TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. NORTON, AND UNITED STATES DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, JAMES M. WILSON, JR., ESCORTED PANGELINAN AND TENORIO IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FOR THE HALF-HOUR SESSION.

PRESIDENT FORD AUTOGRAPHED TWO COPIES OF THE COVENANT FOR HIS VISITORS. PANGELINAN SAID HE PLANNED TO ATTACH THE AUTOGRAPHED COVENANT BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT WHICH IS KEPT IN SAIPAN.

OVER COFFEE, PRESIDENT FORD DISCUSSED HIS TRAVELS THROUGH THE MARIANAS IN THE 1940'S. HE THEN PRESENTED EACH MAN WITH A PAIR OF GUFF-LINKS BEARING THE SEAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(U.S. CAN'T CONTROL SAIPAN MACHINES)

SAIPAN, MARCH 21 (MNS)---A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LEGAL OPINION PRESENTED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AD HOC GAMBLING COMMITTEE THIS WEEK INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO POWER TO REGULATE SLOT MACHINES IN THE TT, ACCORDING TO FRIDAY'S (MARCH 21) EDITION OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

WILLIAM S. LYBCH, CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ORGANIZED CRIME AND RACKETEERING SECTION AND ATTORNEY ROBERT D. ROSE FROM THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT CONCLUDED IN A FIVE-PAGE OPINION THAT THE "UNITED STATES PRESENTLY LACKS JURISDICTION TO REGULATE SLOT MACHINES WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY."

THE OPINION POINTS OUT THAT "IF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, OR AT LEAST THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, BECOME A U.S. TERRITORY, THEIR UNIQUE STATUS WILL BE DROPPED" AND THE MARIANAS WOULD NOT DIFFER FROM OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES, MEANING THAT THE CODE WOULD BE APPLICABLE, FDN POINTED OUT.

"IF IT IS REASONABLE TO SUPPOSE THAT A NEW TERRITORY, SUCH AS THE TENTATIVELY APPROVED COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, WOULD NOT DIFFER IN TERRITORIAL STATUS FROM ITS SISTER ISLAND, GUAM, THEN IT SHOULD FOLLOW THAT THE SAME FEDERAL STATUTES WOULD BE APPLICABLE IN BOTH TERRITORIES," THE OPINION CONTENDS.

SINCE THERE IS "NO TT LAW CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF SLOT MACHINES, NO KNOWN COMMON LAW ON THE SUBJECT AND NO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WITHIN THE U.S. CODE WHICH WOULD MAKE LAWS CONTAINED IN THOSE TITLES, BY THEIR OWN TERMS, APPLICABLE TO THE TT, IT MUST BE DECIDED THAT THE U.S. LACKS JURISDICTION," THE OPINION MAINTAINS.

THE REPORT ADMITS THAT "A DEFINITE ANSWER WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERMS OF THE INCORPORATION OR TERRITORIALIZATION," THE GUAM NEWSPAPER CONCLUDED.

(ANDREWS APPOINTED SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AG)

SAIPAN, MAR. 21 (MNS)---KEITH L. ANDREWS, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) ON GUAM, HAS BEEN APPOINTED SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN FOR THE AG'S OFFICE.

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IN HIS JOB, ANDREWS WILL: WORK WITH U.S. SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION AND INTERIOR OFFICIALS, THROUGH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, ANALYZE ALL FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, ANALYZE SELECTED FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR INCORPORATION OF TTPY AS A PARTICIPATING "STATE" ENTITY, AND SUCH OTHER ASSIGNMENTS ASSIGNED BY THE T.T. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

A GRADUATE OF BUTLER UNIVERSITY WITH A B.S. DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY-ZOOLOGY IN 1941, ANDREWS RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW IN 1952.

THE FORMER GUAM ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVED 15 YEARS AS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE INDIANA CREDIT UNION LEAGUE, REPRESENTED 10 CREDIT UNIONS INDIVIDUALLY, SERVED FIVE YEARS AS ATTORNEY FOR THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, AND CONDUCTED A GENERAL LAW PRACTICE THERE.

ANDREWS WAS APPOINTED ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM IN NOVEMBER 1972 UNTIL JANUARY 1973.

HE AND HIS WIFE GENEVA, HAVE SIX CHILDREN, RONALD, 26, CONNIE MCCLAIN, 23, STEVE, 20, BOB, 18, BARBIE, 15 AND JIMMY, 13.