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Since the time of the signing of the Marianas Covenant, the administering authority has been mandated to "conduct a fair and impartial program" of public education in preparation for the forthcoming June plebiscite.

I fully believe that the TT Administration has fulfilled both the letter and the spirit of this mandate. However, there has been some public criticism concerning our role from certain quarters, and I believe that it is a matter which should be clarified as soon as possible.

Therefore, I propose the following actions:

1. I will issue a memorandum to all TT employees re-emphasizing that such employees, acting in their official capacity, should avoid any action which might suggest partisanship on the subject of the plebiscite.

2. I will issue a public statement to assure everyone concerned that the TT Administration will continue to observe the role of neutrality in all questions regarding any future political status.

3. I will convene a meeting, at the earliest possible date, with authorized representatives of (a) the Marianas Political Status Commission; (b) any group or groups opposing the Covenant; (c) the

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Office of the District Administrator of the Marianas District; (d) the Status Liaison Office; (e) the Office of the Attorney General; and (f) the Director of Public Affairs .

The purpose of this meeting will be to establish guidelines on just how best all points of view may be fairly and equitably presented to the people of the Marianas District.

Frankly, I am personally disappointed that what is supposed to be a program of public education on a matter of great significance, not only to the Marianas, but to the entire future of the Trust Territory, is beginning to degenerate into bitter personality conflicts, characterized by name calling, unsubstantiated half-truths, and other polarizing rhetoric.

No matter what the final results of the plebiscite, we must all remember that it will be a decision that we will have to live with a long time. In any democratic election, we try to present our candidate or our point of view to the electorate as best we know how. However, when the results are in, we must be able to accept those results and join together to carry out the will of the people. To do otherwise is to invite divisiveness and chaos which could destroy everything we have worked for.

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