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FM CINCPACREP GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS  
TO RUEHC /SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC  
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TT ROLE IN MARIANAS PLEBISCITE (U)  
A. STATUS LNO 34 (CINCPACREP GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS 030630Z MAR 75)  
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1. (U) WITH MARIANAS PLEBISCITE RAPIDLY APPROACHING, TT ADMINISTRA-  
TION AND STATUS LNO STILL UNCERTAIN OF PROPER ROLE IN PLEBISCITE

PAGE 02 RUMGSGG0297 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
PREPARATION. IT HAS BEEN ASSUMPTION OF THIS OFFICE THAT THE UNITED  
STATES, AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING  
AVAILABILITY OF OBJECTIVE INFORMATION TO PEOPLE OF MARIANAS SO THAT  
THEY CAN CAST AN INFORMED VOTE IN JUNE OR JULY.  
2. (C) WE NOTE THE INSTRUCTION IN REFTEL (B) THAT TT EMPLOYEES  
ACTING IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY SHOULD AVOID ACTION WHICH MIGHT  
SUGGEST PARTISANSHIP; GEORGE CALLISON HAS BEEN RECALLED FROM HIS  
ASSIGNMENT TO THE MPSC (REFTEL A), EFFECTIVE MARCH 29. WHILE IT  
IS POSSIBLE TO QUESTION CALLISON'S ASSIGNMENT TO MPSC AND INTERPRET

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IT AS PARTISAN SUPPORT, MATERIAL PREPARED BY CALLISON HAS IN FACT BEEN IMPARTIAL. FIRST TWO ISSUES OF COVENANT NEWSLETTER (MAILED TO USUN, EA/ANP, OMSN AND DOTA) BEGAN PRINTING COVENANT IN ENGLISH, CHAMORRO AND CAROLINIAN. SUBSTANTIALLY SAME MATERIAL HAS BEEN PLAYED ON RADIO IN PROGRAM QUOTE UNDERSTANDING THE COVENANT UNQUOTE, WITH CALLISON RECALLED FROM MPSC, IT IS EFFECTIVELY OUT OF MARIANAS EDUCATION PROGRAM.

3. (C) I INTERPRET STATEMENT IN REFTEL (B) THAT US QUOTE INTENDS TO CONDUCT A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL PROGRAM IN PREPARATION FOR THE PLEBISCITE...UNQUOTE TO MEAN THAT WASHINGTON AGREES THAT IT AND/OR STATUS LND SHOULD HAVE A PROGRAM FOR DISSEMINATION OF IMPARTIAL INFORMATION

PAGE 03 RUHGSGG8297 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
EXPLAINING THE COVENANT AND THE MEANING OF A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE VOTE IN THE PLEBISCITE. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, I RECOMMEND THAT CALLISON, AS A MEMBER OF TT ESG STAFF, BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE PREPARATION OF RADIO PROGRAM AND WRITTEN TEXTUAL ANALYSIS. IF CALLISON CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE, SOMEONE ELSE COMPETENT AND EXPERIENCED IN THIS FIELD WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND, I ALSO URGE THAT TRANSLATION OF THE ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS BE UNDERTAKEN BY TT EMPLOYEES. ACCORDING TO TERMS OF REFTEL (B), SUCH MATERIALS COULD THEN BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHOUT COST TO INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF COVENANT. DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER AGREES.  
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