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SAIPAN, APR. 23 (MNS)--A FLIGHT OF 56 AMERICAN MILITARY DEPENDENTS OF VIETNAMESE ANCESTRY WILL BE ARRIVING ON SAIPAN THURSDAY MORNING, AT 6:25 (APRIL 24), ON A SPECIAL FLIGHT FROM SINGAPORE, ACCORDING TO DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN.

THE DEPENDENTS WILL BE STAYING ON SAIPAN FROM ONE TO TWO WEEKS FOR PROCESSING BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THEIR HOMES IN THE UNITED STATES MAINLAND.

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DAN AKIMOTO, MARIANAS DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IS COORDINATING THEIR ARRIVAL WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS. AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR FURTHER VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO COME TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, SHOULD THAT SITUATION CHANGE, THE PUBLIC WILL BE INFORMED, COLEMAN SAID.

(TENORIO ASKS FOR RENEGOTIATIONS)

SAIPAN, APR. 23 (MNS)--MARIANAS SENATOR PEDRO A. TENORIO SENT A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEK "TO FIND OUT ANSWERS FROM THE UNITED STATES WHETHER CERTAIN ISSUES IN THE COVENANT COULD BE RE-NEGOTIATED AS CLAIMED BY OPPONENTS OF THE COVENANT."

IN A DISPATCH TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, CONGRESSMAN PHILIP BURTON, INTERIOR SECRETARY ROGERS C.B. MORTON AND AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, SENATOR TENORIO STATES THAT "THE MARIANAS PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW BEFORE THE PLEBISCITE" WHETHER OTHESE ITEMS IN THE COVENANT COULD BE RE-NEGOTIATED:

- "U.S. MINIMUM WAGE, MPSC REQUESTED THIS, CAN IT BE RE-NEGOTIATED?;

- "INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN (THE) COVENANT TO PROVIDE FAST AND FULL WAR CLAIMS COMPENSATION TO MARIANAS BEFORE THE NEW MARIANAS GOVERNMENT (IS) FORMED;

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- "ELIMINATE U.S. EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY OVER THE MARIANAS;
- "GUARANTEE IN COVENANT JOB PREFERENCE FOR MARIANAS PEOPLE BEFORE AND AFTER TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT TERMINATION;
- "GUARANTEE IN COVENANT MARIANAS VOTING REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. CONGRESS;

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- "MORE WRITTEN ASSURANCE AND GUARANTEE IN COVENANT THAN PRESENT PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT;
 - "INCLUDE IN COVENANT PRECISE LANGUAGE TO ASSURE THAT CAROLINIANS ARE GUARANTEED TO OWN OR PURCHASE LANDS IN THE MARIANAS;
 - "LIMIT U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL POWER AND MAKE MARIANAS CONSTITUTION SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND IN THE MARIANAS;
 - "RE-NEGOTIATE LAND LEASE PRICES AND LEASE PERIODS;
 - "LIMIT ENTRY OF OTHER U.S. CITIZENS TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT RESIDENCY IN (THE) MARIANAS;
 - "UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP, MARIANAS OPTION TO SEVERE RELATIONSHIP AT ANYTIME; AND
 - "INCREASE COVENANT APPROVAL IN PLEBISCITE TO SIXTY-SIX AND TWO-THIRDS PERCENT RATHER THAN FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT."
- "I AM NOT ENDORSING RE-NEGOTIATION OF THE ISSUES CONTAINED IN

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THE TELEGRAM," TENORIO TOLD THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE. "THE PURPOSE OF THE TELEGRAM IS TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT THAT THOSE ISSUES HAVE ALREADY BEEN NEGOTIATED AND TO LET THE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOW THAT THE OPPONENTS OF THE COVENANT CANNOT RE-NEGOTIATE THEM NOR WILL THE U.S. ALLOW RE-NEGOTIATIONS ON THOSE PROVISIONS," TENORIO STRESSED.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(TT BUDGET HEARINGS BEGINS)

SAIPAN, APRIL 23 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING IS HOLDING HEARINGS ON SAIPAN CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET.

THE COMMITTEE STARTED ITS HEARINGS MONDAY (APRIL 21) REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND EXPANDED USE OF THE AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE MORE MONEY THEN IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

ANOTHER AREA WHICH THE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING CONCERNS HOUSE BILL 97, CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MICRONESIA. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE

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