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FROM STATUS LNO 90

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PASS JUSTICE FOR MARCUSE (OLC)

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TAGS: PDEV TO

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COVENANT

SENATOR PEDRO A. TENORIO, MEMBER MPSC, HAS ASKED THAT FOLLOWING

MESSAGE BE PASSED TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, CONGRESSMAN PHILIP

BURTON, SECINTERIOR MORTON, AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS.

BEGIN TEXT

NEED URGENT AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING STATUS

QUESTIONS. BACKGROUND. MARIANAS PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW BEFORE

PLEBISCITE WHETHER ANY OR ALL OF FOLLOWING CAN BE RE-NEGOTIATED

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BEFORE JUNE 17, 1975 MARIANAS PLEBISCITE. ANSWERS WILL CLARIFY
SERIOUS DOUBTS OF PEOPLE ABOUT VOTING FOR OR AGAINST COVENANT.
1. U.S. MINIMUM WAGE. MPSC REQUESTED EXEMPTING THIS. CAN IT BE
RE-NEGOTIATED?
2. INCLUDE PROVISION IN COVENANT TO PROVIDE PAST AND FULL WAR
CLAIMS COMPENSATION TO MARIANAS BEFORE NEW MARIANAS GOVERNMENT
FORMED.
3. ELIMINATE U.S. EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY OVER MARIANAS.
4. GUARANTEE IN COVENANT JOB PREFERENCE FOR MARIANAS PEOPLE BEFORE
AND AFTER TRUSTESHIP AGREEMENT TERMINATION.
5. GUARANTEE IN COVENANT MARIANAS CITIZENS TO VOTE FOR U.S.
PRESIDENT.
6. GUARANTEE IN COVENANT MARIANAS VOTING REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S.
CONGRESS.
7. MORE WRITTEN ASSURANCE AND GUARANTEE IN COVENANT THAN PRESENT
PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
8. INCLUDE IN COVENANT PRECISE LANGUAGE TO ASSURE THAT CAROLINIANS
ARE GUARANTEED TO OWN OR PURCHASE LANDS IN MARIANAS.
9. LIMIT U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL POWER AND MAKE MARIANAS CONSTITUTION
SUPREME LAW OF LAND IN MARIANAS.
10. RE-NEGOTIATE LAND LEASE PRICES AND LEASE PERIODS.
11. LIMIT ENTRY OF OTHER U.S. CITIZENS TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT
RESIDENCY IN MARIANAS.
12. UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP. MARIANAS
OPTION TO SEVERE RELATIONSHIP AT ANY TIME.
13. INCREASE COVENANT APPROVAL IN PLEBISCITE TO 66 AND TWO-THIRD
PERCENT RATHER THAN 65 PERCENT.
EMPHASIZE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RESPONSE FOR OUR PEOPLE
TO INSURE VOTES ARE CAST INTELLIGENTLY IN PLEBISCITE. ALSO, MUST KNOW
WHETHER RE-NEGOTIATION IS POSSIBLE BEFORE PLEBISCITE OR IN EVENT OF
DISAPPROVAL BY PEOPLE WHETHER AVENUE OPEN FOR A RE-NEGOTIATION.
REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY. SENATOR PEDRO A. TENORIO SENDS. END TEXT.
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