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THERE IS DANGER THAT THE PERMANENCE OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL INFILTRATE US

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PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE MARIANAS

Those who oppose the Covenant that will establish the Commonwealth political status in the Marianas say that they also want Commonwealth...but because there are 16 points in the Covenant which are not good for the people of the Marianas that they are ~~opposed to~~ ^{opposed to} it. They are admonishing all the people of the Marianas to be very careful of these types of "beating around the bush" and dirty tactics, because they are making a big case in order to confuse the Marianas people in order that they may ~~oppose~~ ^{oppose} the Commonwealth. A certain number of Marianas people who are ~~opposed to~~ ^{opposed to} the Commonwealth are those people who are trying to protect their own personal interests. There are those who are already receiving high salaries and are holding high positions. There are those who believe that the Commonwealth is poison and evil because they believe in frightening and wrong information. There are also those who even until now --- are politiking and ~~try to~~ ^{are forgetting} discern that they ~~are~~ ^{are} contradicting ~~himself~~ ^{himself}, and ~~he is~~ ^{he is} contradicting the good and the right of the present generation as well as the next.

The leaders of the Congress of Micronesia are also making a big case to keep us in the Marianas and not let us become separate because they need the tax monies which ~~go~~ ^{come} into the Marianas to be distributed to other districts and the Congress of Micronesia. They are trying to entice a lot of Marianas people to ~~oppose~~ ^{oppose} the Commonwealth because they want us together, and they will govern us and they will be our leaders. Just recently, the leaders of the Congress of Micronesia appropriated \$10,000 of public monies and they gave it to two Marianas individuals to be used to ~~oppose~~ ^{oppose} the Commonwealth. They used this money for newspaper expenses, for beer in meetings held against the Commonwealth, and all other functions which are poison and against the good of the Marianas people.

Those 16 points which those who oppose the Commonwealth mentioned should be made clear. FIRST: They say that there was nothing in the provision of the Covenant concerning MINIMUM WAGES. There are two reasons why the Political Status Commission did not include this concern in the Covenant. The first reason-- if they include this concern in the Covenant, then the Federal law for MINIMUM WAGES which is \$2.30 an hour will be made applicable to the Marianas, and if we should tie ourselves to this law which will limit the wages of the Marianas people to \$2.30 an hour, ~~then~~ even if it is necessary and the new Congress and government of the Commonwealth want to raise the public wages to more than \$2.30 an hour, then it cannot be done and impossible because we will be going against the Federal law which is ~~made~~ ^{enacted} by the U.S. Congress. The Federal MINIMUM WAGES were enacted by the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Congress alone can change them. The second reason --- The MINIMUM WAGE law is applicable to PRIVATE employees -- that is, for people employed in CONSTRUCTION, BUSINESS, and other places not connected with government business. What this means is that if you are a government employee, whether Municipal, District Government, or HEADQUARTERS, you cannot be paid the MINIMUM WAGES because the law is only applicable to those who are employed in a PRIVATE COMPANY. And also the Commission in order to make it possible to protect and to help the Marianas people in the problem of low wages, they made some provision in the COVENANT that the new ~~Congress~~ Marianas Congress in the Commonwealth will be the Government that will make the law regarding MINIMUM WAGES. This is the only way that the Marianas people can receive wages higher than \$2.30 an hour.

THE SECOND POINT OUT OF THE 16: The Marianas people are being frightened that if we become Americans now, that we will not be paid our WAR CLAIMS ^{present} because only the /16 centsto the dollar for your WAR CLAIM will be paid. These types of talks are only to scare purposes in order to oppose the Commonwealth. These are lies and they are not right. It ought to be understood that the

U.S. Congress established the Micronesian War Claims Commission, and gave authority to this body to make decisions (adjudication). So if only 16 cents to the dollar was paid for your CLAIM, then the U.S. Congress will provide the rest of the money as compensation, because the U.S. Congress enacted the law which will ~~provide~~ make available money for CLAIMS payments and it will find the means to rectify its work. Don't they understand that if we become Americans that it will be to our advantage to ask for WAR CLAIMS money because we are together with America? Even now when they don't own us the Americans are giving us help -- what if they own us because we are all Americans-- then they will be most ~~benefitting~~ generous. Just look at our neighbors, the people of Guam -- how they have long been paid of their WAR CLAIMS and us who have yet to be paid even though it has been 30 years since the end of the war .. we haven't been paid fully. So it is obvious that only when we join the Commonwealth that it will be quicker and more beneficial for those of us who have CLAIMS.

THIRD POINT OUT OF THE 16: Those who oppose the Commonwealth say that the Americans will hold the highest authority relating to land matters in the Marianas which is called EMINENT DOMAIN. This is another scary point used, because no matter what kind of political status you choose the EMINENT DOMAIN authority is centrally located or in the Federal Government. If we become Russians tomorrow, then the EMINENT DOMAIN authority will be found in the Central Russian Government. Or if we should become Japanese tomorrow then the EMINENT DOMAIN authority will be found in Tokyo. Or if we become a nation next week together with all six districts, then the EMINENT DOMAIN authority will be found in TRUK. Examine U.S. History from the beginning until now and you will see that the Federal Government held the EMINENT DOMAIN authority in Guam, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all the 50 States in America. Also, those of us Marianas people who are Catholics, there is a sort of EMINENT DOMAIN authority in our religion. Even

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though we are not dealing with land matters, but in Catholicism we receive orders from Rome, even if we have our own priest, and bishop, but the highest and supreme order from Rome comes from the Holy Father.

FOURTH POINT OF THE 16: ~~THOSE~~ who oppose the Commonwealth ~~xxx~~ are saying that ~~nikxxx~~ once we become Americans, people ~~fxnx~~ will come ~~ha~~ here and employment opportunities will increase for people from the outside. Observe this type of scary tactics because right now within the Trust Territory people from the outside are holding the best and the highest positions in government. Almost all the higher positions in the branches of government in the Trust Territory are being held by people from the other districts. Presently, every outside person is a supervisor and receives a high salary in the Marianas. In the Trust Territory Headquarters every person from the other districts is a supervisor and receives a high salary. If we do not support the Commonwealth, then there will be no Marianas person who will govern and every person from the other districts will govern us here in our own land. Even if we don't become Commonwealth, we are already a minority in the six districts, and even if we don't change the political status of the Marianas, already the highest positions and the highest salaries are being held by people from the other districts. Don't be scared that when we become Americans, all the 200 million Americans will come over for jobs -- this is not right. Do you really think that the Americans will leave their beautiful and comfortable abodes for these little islands? Maybe it is possible that there will be some who will come here for jobs, but that's no different for us who will also leave our own land for Guam to find a job. But the Congress of the Commonwealth will be able to make regulations that will CONTROL this type of problem, especially if they can enact a law for the Marianas that if they don't know the language of the land that they will not be employed. This is being done in the U.S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico -- that if you cannot speak Spanish, you cannot be

employed. Not only this law, but our government can also make regulations that anyone who will be employed in the government should have his own house, his own transportation, and no outsider should be paid POST DIFFERENTIAL, nor any other expenses and privileges, which is currently being practised in Guam and the Trust Territory. Only in this way will ^{the number} ~~the~~ of ~~xxxxxx~~ outsiders looking for jobs will be greatly reduced. Not only this, the Congress which we will elect, will also protect all jobs giving the Marianas people priority. Currently, there are Filipinos and Okinawans working in our land. But this is due to the carelessness of our own people because they as individual companies have allowed outsiders to come in. But in the Commonwealth government all of these can be controlled.

THE FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH POINTS OUT OF THE 16: These three points are essentially ~~xxxx~~ similar. Those who oppose the Commonwealth are saying that if we become Americans we won't be able to vote in the U.S. Presidential election, and the U.S. Congress, and they are saying also that the Marianas Representative to the U.S. Congress, will not have the right to vote in any law or resolution which is being discussed in the U.S. Congress. The U.S. Constitution states that only American citizens residing in the STATES can vote in this election. What this means is that the people from Guam, all those people residing in U.S. POSSESSION OR TERRITORY cannot be given this privilege. But if Guamanians should go to any place in the United States--these people can vote for the President and the U.S. Congress; if we become U.S. Citizens we will have the same privilege in this case.

The most significant rule under this provision is the matter of INCOME TAX. All taxes collected in the Marianas must remain the money of the Marianas people. But in the 50 States in the U.S.--all INCOME TAX monies must go to Washington, D.C., as Federal money for the U.S. Government. There are only 15 thousand people in the Marianas and there are 200 million

American people in the U.S. Even if all the 15thousand Maraians people should come together and vote for President or Congress-- our voting won't make any difference or weight to give any candidate an edge. What good is the right to vote for President or for the U.S. Congress, and the money (TAX) collected in the Marianas will be given to Washington as contribution. It is better not to vote this way and all TAX monies remain in the Marianas for the use of the Marianas people. Last year in Guam, \$12 million went into the Guam government which werepaid by the military residing in Guam.

In Guam it took 20 years before they became Americans in 1950, before they can ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ elect their first governor, and their first Washington Representative, Mr. Antonio Won Pat. It is natural for a child to be born now--to start off with milk, to lie on his stomach and on his back. It is not possible for such a child ~~xx~~ as soon as he is born -- to get up and start running. There is some benefit here in that we were given time to prepare ourselves more and be ready. Currently, 80 percent (\$2 million) of Marianas tax monies go to the five districts and about 20 percent (\$500,000) remain in the Marianas.

THE EIGHTH POINT OF THE 16: Those who oppose the Commonwealth are saying that there is no guarantee that the U.S. will give financial assistance for the Commonwealth Government of the Marianas. They are saying that this offer ~~promise~~ is only an offer and no guarantee. Observe again this type of scare tactics being used in order to confuse the people of the Marianas. Read the COVENANT because it is very clear that there is guarantee for financial assistance. If the people of the Marianas approve the COVENANT on June 17, 1975, it will have to go to the U.S. Congress for its approval also. If the U.S. Congress approve the COVENANT, then this COVENANT, or document, will be enacted as Federal law and must be abide with. So, all those financial assistance-- assistance for the aging and the unemployed, and all those *other*

good benefits for the Marianas people--must be done and complied with. So, this is not an offer, but mandatory because it turned out to be law.

It is dangerous and very serious if we don't support the Commonwealth. If the Marianas people do not support the Commonwealth on June 17, then there will be no other way for us to negotiate to be Americans. We have to throw ourselves back to the six districts and there we will all die. There are 120 thousand people in the six districts of the Trust Territory, and there are only 15 thousand Marianas people. If we don't succeed ~~xxxx~~ to be Commonwealth, then people from the other district will govern us all since they have the majority. ^{For sure, it will be} ~~xxxxxx~~ the President of the Free Association or Micronesian Independence from Truk, or someone from the other Districts because they hold the majority vote. It has been 12 years since the time of the NAVY, there was a request from ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the people of KUTU in Truk if it be possible for 1,000 Kutu people in Truk to be placed in Tinian. The leaders of the Marianas at that time went against this plan and it didn't become possible. What if they have allowed this to happen then where there are only about 400 people from Tinian. Within one year the Mayor, the Municipal Council, the District Representative, and all the important government positions would have been held by Kutu people, since they have the majority. So, thank goodness and our tremendous gratitude to God, Our Lord, that it did not happen. Here again we are faced with ~~the~~ a ~~xxxx~~ plan of the Congress of Micronesia to infiltrate us and govern us permanently. Please, people of the Marianas, be prepared. Have some interest, all of you, for the good and protection of our land--Marianas. Think of your children. Don't permit the Marianas to fall into disgrace because of personal interest or out of ignorance. SUPPORT THE COMMONWEALTH! COME, ONE AND ALL, AND REGISTER! PROTECT THE SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL LAND OF OURS -- THE MARIANA ISLANDS!

IMPORTANT ADVICE

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE MARIANAS PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT THE COVENANT CAN BE RE-NEGOTIATED IF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE DO NOT APPROVE THE COVENANT ON JUNE 17. WE RECEIVE NOTICE TODAY FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THAT THE COVENANT CANNOT BE RE-NEGOTIATED. JUNE 17 WILL BE THE LAST VOTATION. IF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE DO NOT APPROVE THE COVENANT IN JUNE, THEN THERE WILL BE NO MORE NEGOTIATION WITH THE U.S. WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT WE HAVE TO RETURN, ALL OF US MARIANAS PEOPLE, BACK TO THE SIX DISTRICTS AND WE WILL BE TOGETHER PERMANENTLY. SO, UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS THE LAST VOTATION FOR UNION WITH THE U.S. HAVE SOME CONSIDERATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE AND CONSIDER ALSO YOUR CHILDREN. VOTE AND SUPPORT UNION WITH AMERICA. OPPOSE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN OUR PERMANENT UNION WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY.