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PLS PASS IMMEDIATELY TO EMMETT RICE. THANKS FOR CALL. GRATEFUL FOR LEGAL COUNSEL AS DISCUSSED. IF COUNSEL IS TO COME FROM GUAM WE WILL CONSULT HIM AS CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND. SUGGEST AT YOUR END LEGAL BACKGROUND WORK SUPPORTING PHRASEOLOGY OF NEGATIVE VOTE EXPLANATION ON BALLOT. IMMEDIATE LEGAL PROBLEMS ARE TWO-FOLD.
FIRST, ARE PERSONS NOW LIVING GUAM WHO ATTEST TO MARIANAS DOMICILE ON PLEBISCITE REGISTRATION FORM INVALIDATED BY POSSESSION OF ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD ON GUAM OR APPLICATION FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP?
SECOND PROBLEM: IF TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEES NOW RESIDENT IN MARIANAS TAKE OATH ON PLEBISCITE REGISTRATION FORM THAT THEY ARE DOMICILED IN MARIANAS, DO THEY THEREBY DEPRIVE THEMSELVES OF BENEFITS THEY RECEIVE FROM TT GOVT BY VIRTUE OF DOMICILE ELSEWHERE? IF THEY DO THUS DEPRIVE THEMSELVES, WILL THEIR ACT OF REGISTRATION BE CRUCIAL STEP OR WOULD ACTUAL VOTING? WHAT BEARING WOULD FAILURE OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THIS HAVE? SHOULD THEY BE NOTIFIED NOW? SHOULD NOTIFICATION BE ON PART OF TT GOVT? SHOULD WE SET UP OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO RETRACT THEIR REGISTRATION? MY RECOMMENDATION, ASSUMING THEY WOULD DEPRIVE THEMSELVES OF EXISTING PRIVILEGES BY DOMICILE IN MARIANAS, IS THAT TT GOVT MAKE THIS ANNOUNCE . THEN MY OFFICE WOULD ANNOUNCE THAT SINCE REGISTRANTS WERE NOT AWARE OF CONSEQUENCES WHEN THEY REGISTERED AND SINCE DOMICILE DECLARATION IS A MATTER OF INTENT, ANY WHO WISH MAY RETRACT THEIR REGISTRATION. IF SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE BY MAY FIFTEEN HERE, IT MIGHT FORESTALL LAST MINUTE FLOOD OF QUESTIONABLE REGISTRATIONS. OBVIOUSLY, WE MUST AVOID ANY KIND OR APPEARANCE OF INTIMIDATION. CANHAM SENDS.

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