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PRESS RELEASE
FROM THE
TERRITORIAL PARTY PRESIDENT
May 21, 1975

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS TERRITORIAL PARTY,
DR. FRANCISCO TAMAN PALACIOS, IS EXERCISING HIS RESPONSIBILITY,
PRIVILEGE AND HONOR BY INFORMING ALL MEMBERS OF THE
PARTY THAT THE TERRITORIAL PARTY IS OFFICIALLY ENDORSING THE
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE
UNITED STATES AS PROVIDED IN THE COVENANT SIGNED BY THE MPSC
AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TERRITORIAL PARTY,
BY CONCENSUS, HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO ENDORSE THE COMMON-
WEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE
UNITED STATES.

THE TERRITORIAL PARTY, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ITS
PRESIDENT, ENCOURAGED FREE EXPRESSION OF MANY OPINIONS. AFTER
EVALUATING THESE OPINIONS, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY REACHED
THE FINAL CONCLUSION THAT THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS IS THE MOST
APPROPRIATE AND THE BEST POLITICAL STATUS FOR THE MARIANAS AMONG
THE ALTERNATIVES OF FREE ASSOCIATION, INDEPENDENCE OR STATUS
QUO FOR THIS POINT IN TIME.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE TERRITORIAL PARTY IS HEREBY
CALLING ALL THE RANK AND FILE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY TO RETURN
TO THE SPIRIT DE CORPS AND MOVE IN A UNITED FRONT TO SUPPORT
THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE PARTY AND ENDORSE THE COMMONWEALTH
OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AS DEFINED IN THE COVENANT.

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