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SUBJ: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL: TTPI-LEGAL ASPECTS

1. DRAFT COVENANT TO BE VOTED ON IN PLEBISCITE IN NORTHERN MARIANAS, JUNE 17, PROVIDES, INTERALIA, THAT IT WILL COME INTO EFFECT UPON RECEIVING THE APPROVAL OF 55 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS IN THE PLEBISCITE AND REPEAT AND UPON RECEIVING THE APPROVAL OF THE US CONGRESS. IF ISSUE ARISES, WE PLAN, UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE, TO INDICATE DURING THE UPCOMING TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT, UNTIL THE COVENANT RECEIVES THE APPROVAL OF THE US CONGRESS, NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN CONCOM AND NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD VOTE IN JULY 8 REFERENDUM. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ONCE US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN, NORTHERN MARIANAS PARTICIPATION IN TERRITORY-WIDE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WOULD CEASE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION SOONEST.
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