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SUBJECT: MARIANAS PLEBISCITE  
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DURING OUR USG REVIEW OF THE QUESTIONS IN REFTTEL SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED REFLECTED CONCERN THAT THE NATURE OF THE QUESTIONS IS SUCH AS MIGHT GIVE RISE TO LATER ALLEGATIONS THAT, IF THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER RESPONDS TO THEM, HE WOULD HAVE DEPARTED FROM HIS MANDATE TO CONDUCT IMPARTIAL PLEBISCITE EDUCATION PROGRAM. WHILE THE QUESTIONS WE WORKED ON MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WHOLE AGGREGATE, WE BELIEVE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER MIGHT CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF ARRANGING FOR STATUS LNO TO PROVIDE CERTAIN OF THE ANSWERS THEREBY SHIELDING PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER SOMEWHAT FROM POSSIBILITY OF LATER COMPLAINTS. PLEASE CONSULT PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER IN THIS REGARD.

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