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THEREFORE, NOT ONLY MUST WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS HAVE REPEATEDLY REQUESTED THIS FORM OF STATUS AS EVIDENCED BY NUMEROUS DOCUMENTSUJBPETITIONS, MEMORIALS, LETTERS, AND REFERENDUMS,

MARIANAS HAVE DESIRED TO BECOME A PART OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY FOR OVER TWO DECADES. THE REASON FOR THIS DESIRE IS A SIMPLE ONE. IT RESULTS FROM THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE WITNESSED AND PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL BY FOUR DIFFERENT WORLD POWERS OVER THE PAST FOUR CENTURIES, IT IS THEIR FERVENT AND DEEPLY HELD BELIEF THAT OF THE FOUR DIFFERENT NATIONS WHICH HAVE RULED THE MARIANAS, THAT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS WON THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS, BECAUSE OF THE DEMOCRA-TIC IDEALS AND FREEDOM WHICH IT REPRESENTS ANE STANDS FOR IN PRINCI-PLE AND PRACTICES IN FACT.

IN CONVEYING THE STONG DLWAUFNBMF THE COVENANT BY MY CONSTITUENTS IT IS PERHAPS APPROPRIATE TO BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE BACKGROUND OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE JUNE PLEBISCITE, AND WHICH NOW AWAIT, LIKE OUR CITIZENS, YOUR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. AS HAS BEEN INDICATED BEFORE AT OTHER FORUMS, THE PEOPLE OF THE

FAVORABLY THE COVENANT AS RATIFIED BY MY PEOPLE OF JUNE 17, 1975 DURING AN OFFICIAL PLEBISCITE SUPERVISED BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTA-TIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND WITNESSED BY OFFICIAL OBSERVERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

HAY I TAKE THIS OFFORTUNITY TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE MARIANAS LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING YOU THE BEST WISHES AND GREETINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR DISTRICT, AND MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR HAVING BEEN INVITED TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE PROPOSED COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. AS THE SENIOR SENATOR OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SINCE ITS CREATION OVER TEN YEARS AGO, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

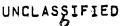
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EITGER PERFECT, OR ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIEES, SINCE THE VERY PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION INVOLVES COMPROMISE, AND COMPROMISE INEVITABLY MEANS THAT BOTH SIDES GET MOST, BUT NOT ALL, THEY WANT. IN THIS CONNECTION THEREFORE, IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS SUB-COMMITTEE AND BOTH HOUSES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL CONSIDER APPRO-VING THIS AS A BASIC AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES THE MECHANICS OF LATER

GETHER UNACCEPTABLE," AND IN FACT, WE FIND IT FOR THE MOST PART QUITE ACCEPTABLE REPRESENTING NOT ONLY THE CULMINATION OF TWO DECADES OF EFFORTS BUT ALSO TWO YEARS OF CONCENTRATED NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE, OF COU E, AWARE THAT NO INSTRUMENT OR DOCUMENT IS

WHAT FLATTERED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CONVINCED ENOUGHT OF OUR. SINCERITY TO AGREE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND IN THIS HEARING TODAY. IN SIMILAR FASHION, WE FIND THE COVENANT BEFORE YOU NOT "ALTOP"

OF THE UNITED STATES IN MICRONESIA, AND PERHAPS A LITTLE EMBARRASSED. WE ARE NOT QUITE SURE MICRONESIA ENTIRELY DESERVES IT" SINCE THAT TIME, THE BASIC GOALS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS HAVE NOT CHANGED, AND NEITHER HAS THE SENTIMENT THAT WE ARE SOME-

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MADE A SPEECH IN THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS WHICH SPOKE FOR OUR FEELINGS AT THAT TIME. "I FEAR THAT FOR THIS CONGRESS TO REJECT THE UNITED STATES!" PROPOSAL FOR A COMMONWEALTH STATUS AS UNACCEPTABLE WILL FORECLOSE

THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR SCRUTINIZING THE MERITS OF SUCH A PROPOSAL. WE IN THE MARIANAS COMMUNITY DO NOT FIND THE COMMONWEALTH PROPOSAL

IN THE 1960'S A POLITICAL PARTY WAS BORN IN THE MARIANAS. A MAJOR PLANK AND PHILOSOPHY OF THIS PARTY WAS THAT THE MARIANAS SHOULD BECOME A PART OF THE UNITED STATES. LATER, IN 1970, WHEN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAD REJECTED THE OFFER OF A COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR ALL OF MICRONESIA, I

RECOGNIZE THAY MY PEOPLE VIEW A PERNAMENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT, WITH AFFECTION, AND WITH ADMIRATION. THESE FEELINGS HAVE BEEN MANIFESTED IN MANY WAYS, FOR ONE, BECAUSE OF OUR STRONG DESIRE TO BECOME ATTACHED TO THE UNITED STATES,

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RELATED TO THIS, SOME VOICES HAVE RAISED CONCERN OVER THE INTENTIONS AND MOTIVATIONS UNDERLYING APPROVAL OF THE COVENANT AND

THE ACQUISITION OF NEW CITIZENS AND TERRITORY IN THIS MODERN-DAY, POST COLONIAL PERIOD.

AT THE RISK OF BEING REDUNDANT, THE MOTIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS ARE PLAIN: THEY CHOOSE TO SEEK FREEDOM, XREEDOM FROM THE INVOLUNTARY DEATH, DESTRUCTION, AND SUFFERING VISITED UPON THEN FOR CENTURIES, WE DO SO, BASED ON THE HUMANITARIAN AND DEMOCRA-TIC PRINCIPLES WITH WHICH AMERICA HAS TUTORED US AND OUR CHILDREN OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES, AND IN WHICH WE BELIEVE.

WE DO SO NOT BECAUSE WE KNOW AMERICA IS A RICH AND POWERFUL NATION BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE RICH AND POWERFUL, TOO, THERE ARE MANY RICH AND POWERFUL NATIONS IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND IF THAT WERE THE ONLY CRITERION, THEN OUR PEOPLE COULD CHOOSE AMONG SEVERAL NATIONS.

LIKEWISE, AS YOU MUST BELIEVE IN THE SINCERITY OF OUR MOTIVA-TIONS, WE MUST BELIEVE IN THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA REPRESENTED BY

THEIR GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRIMARY AND PRINCIPAL REASON THAT THE UNITED STATES WISHES US TO BECOME A PART OF ITS POLITICAL

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