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SUBJECT: COVENANT OPPONENTS COMMUNICATIONS WITH SENATOR  
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PASS TO STATUS LNO BERGENSEN - COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS

ELEVEN MEMBERS OF SAIPAN UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION AND TWO MARIANAS DELEGATES TO CONCON HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO SENATOR GARY HART THEIR OPPOSITION TO SENATE ACTION ON THE MARIANAS COVENANT. THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED BY HART AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES. UCA LETTER WAS DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1975 AND SIGNED BY FELIX RABULINAN, ABEL OLOPAI, LUIS LIMES, ISIDRO OGARTO, JESUS ELAMETO, GUS TAGABUEL, JOAQUINA RABULINAN, MAGGIE OLOPAI, DANIEL OGLMORO, FELISIDAD OGLMORO AND ROKUCHO BILLY. REQUEST THAT YOU PROVIDE TO THE NPSC TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING TWO LETTERS. PLEASE ADVISE ON NPSC REACTION AND ANY POSSIBLE STEPS THEY ARE CONSIDERING TO COUNTER THE IMPRESSION CREATED BY THE LETTERS. TEXT FOLLOWS:

WE THE CAROLINIANS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD LIKE TO RE-ITERATE OUR POSITION IN REFERENCE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS. TO DATE, WE STILL MAINTAIN OUR POSITION IN THAT WE STRONGLY WANT TO REMAIN WITH THE REST OF MICRO-NEsia. OUR TRUE IDENTITY AS CAROLINIANS CERTAINLY REFLECTS

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THE FACT THAT WE BELONG TO A VAST MAJORITY OF MICRONESIANS WHO, IN TERMS OF POPULATION, DOMINATE BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN CAROLINE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THIS SIMPLY MEANS THAT, IN REALITY, WE ARE THE MAJORITY OF THE MICRONESIANS LIVING AMONG ONE OF THE SMALLEST ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS NAMELY, THE CHAMORROS.

ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA HAVE NOT YET SPOKEN, WHETHER OR NOT COMMONWEALTH STATUS IS OUR POLITICAL CHOICE. THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS THAT WHATEVER ACTION YOU TAKE TO SHAPE OR FORM OUR POLITICAL DESTINY, WE, AS THE MAJORITY OF MICRONESIA, HAVE NO PART IN MAKING THAT DECISION. WE STRONGLY FEEL THAT A DECISION OF THIS NATURE MUST INITIALLY COME FROM OUR LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA."

TELEX FROM CONCON DELEGATES ALFONSO RASA AND LUIS LIMES WAS TRANSMITTED 240558Z SEPTEMBER 1975. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"AS ELECTED DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESEAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT WE UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSE ANY ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE THAT COULD RESULT IN THE SEPARATION OF OUR ISLANDS FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA. WE BELIEVE THE SENATE IN VIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO THE VAST MAJORITY OF MICRONESIANS WHO SUPPORT UNITY FOR ALL SIX DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. WE HASTEN TO REMIND THE SENATE THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA THROUGH OUR NATIONAL LEGISLATURE HAVE NOT YET SPOKEN REGARDING OUR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. WE RECOGNIZE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS THE SOLE NEGOTIATOR FOR ALL SIX DISTRICTS MARIANAS INCLUDED AND STRONGLY BELIEVE INTENTIONS TO SEPARATE ANY DISTRICT FROM THE MICRONESEAN MAJORITY IS LEGALLY AND MORALLY WRONG." KISSINGER

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