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SUBJECT: SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON - MARIANAS COVENANT

PASS STATUS LNO BERGESEN FOR INFORMATION

REQUEST HICOMTERPACIS DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO CHAIRMAN, MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

BEGIN TEXT: SENATE FOREIGH RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILLING TO HEAR REPRESENTATIVES OF MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION NOVEMBER 5 BUT DUE TO BEING COMMITTED ALREADY TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PRO AND CON WITNESSES, COMMITTEE CAN ONLY PROMISE YOUR DELEGATION TEN MINUTES OF HEARING TIME. COMMITTEE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WILL ONLY CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE COVENANT OR PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH, FOR EXAMPLE, ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. COMMITTEE SUGGESTS INSTEAD OF SENDING DELEGATES FOR SUCH BRIEF APPEARANCE, POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEFOREIGN RELATIONS STAFF SENDS.

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