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1 States, and confirmed by sovereign acts" of both parties,
2 Borja said.

3 The Marianas senator said his district (Marianas)
4 and the rest of Micronesia "will continue to work closely
5 together in the future, as we have in the past."

6 Borja said that as the Marianas ends its political
7 association with the rest of Micronesia, he sincerely
8 wished to see "during this year, if not during this
9 session, the completion of a new political status
10 arrangement between the rest of Micronesia and America."

11 "I have no doubt that such an agreement will be
12 forthcoming in the near future", Borja concluded.

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14 (SALII CONGRATULATES MARIANAS)

15 SAIPAN, JAN. 30 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---In a brief
16 statement in the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia
17 Friday, Sen. Lazarus Salii congratulated the people of
18 the Marianas for achieving their long-sought goal
19 regarding their future political status.

20 "In the course of the next few weeks, the United

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1 States Senate will vote on the Covenant to establish
2 a commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. There is no
3 question in my mind," he said, "that the covenant will
4 be approved."

5 Salii said while the establishment of the
6 commonwealth will bring about a political separation
7 of the Marianas from the rest of Micronesia, he would
8 hope that the other bonds which have developed between
9 the Marianas and the other five districts during the
10 past 14 years will continue to exist and grow even
11 stronger between the Federated States of Micronesia
12 and the Marianas Commonwealth.

13 Friday, the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia
14 unanimously adopted Senate Joint Resolution No. 6-73
15 urging the U.S. Senate to approve the Marianas
16 Commonwealth Covenant. The measure now goes to the
17 House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia
18 for consideration.

19 (FATHER FLAVIN DROWNS)

20 SAIPAN, JAN. 30 (MNS)---The Rev. Thomas Flavin S.J.,