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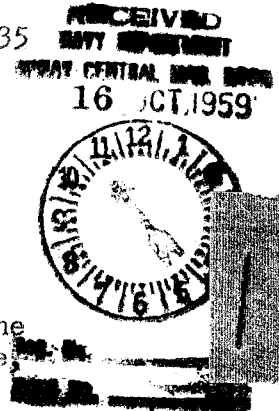
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From: Naval Administrator, U. S. Naval Administration Unit, Navy #935
 To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Unification of Marianas Islands; report and comment on

Ref: (a) CNO msg 052054Z of October 1959 (NOTAL)

- Encl: (1) Resolution No. 367 of the Fourth Guam Legislature
 (2) Resolution No. 2 of Twelfth Saipan Legislature
 (3) Minutes of the Conference of the Saipan Legislature and the select committee on Saipan Mission, Fifth Guam Legislature, relative to the Unification of the Marianas Islands
 (4) Resolution No. 7 of Twelfth Saipan Legislature



1. Enclosures (1) through (4) represent action taken by the Legislatures of the territory of Guam and the Municipality of Saipan relating to unification of the Marianas and are forwarded as requested by reference (a).
2. The Naval Administrator does not know the percentages of Saipanese and Guamanians in favor of unification and questions the accuracy of the figure of 63.8% (Saipanese) reported on page 7 of enclosure (3). However, the Naval Administrator feels that many Saipanese are inclined to favor unification for two reasons: (1) they believe that unification will result in a minimum wage of \$1.00 per hour, vice the present minimum Saipan wage of \$0.37 cents per hour, and, (2) they believe that unification will mean United States citizenship for the Saipanese people. The Naval Administrator feels that the popular appeal of these two reasons should not be underestimated, and that for many people, such reasons will outweigh any disadvantages accompanying unification.
3. The subject of unification with Guam is not new. Ever since 1951, the problem has been a prominent one in discussions between Guamanians and Saipanese. Over the years, the Naval Administrator has never been requested to take an official position on the question until, on 26 August 1959, he addressed a letter to the Speaker of the Saipan Legislature, (reference the last page of enclosure (3)).
4. During this long period that the subject of unification has been discussed, no official effort, has ever been made to influence the voting of the Saipan Legislature as a whole. However, during informal day-to-day talks between individual members of the Legislature, and the Staff of the Naval Administrator, both the advantages and disadvantages of unification with Guam have been

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From: Commander Naval Forces Marianas
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Marianas integration; correspondence concerning

Encl: (1) Letter to COMNAVMARIANAS from Antonio A. DIAZ dtd 13
December 1960
(2) COMNAVMARIANAS letter reply dtd 20 DEC 1960

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded herewith for information.

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