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(2) COMNAVMARIANAS letter reply dtd 20 DEC 1960

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

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SAIPAN MARIANAS ISLAND

December 18, 1960

RAdmiral W. F. D. Heintz
Commander Naval Forces Marianas
Territory of Guam

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will please find several documents which I promised to forward to you upon my arrival in Saipan.

It is with deep regrets to inform you further in reference to the impractical practices of the Saipan District Chamber of Commerce who insistently enforcing their campaign against the reintegration of the Marianas.

Upon the invitation of the Chamber, David Sablan from Guam came to Saipan with the purpose of helping in the crusade to call on the people and make lectures on the disadvantages of the Saipan District should reintegration is granted.

He purposely brought with him the topic of how the Guam Government and the Guam people in their inability to uphold their own economy etc.

A public meeting is called and held in the Saipan Legislative Hall by the Saipan District Chamber of Commerce on Sunday evening December 11th. in which Mr. David Sablan from Guam is the principal speaker of the evening, and who is the son of Mr. Elias Sablan, the Principal opponent of the Reintegration. Riot have arisen and a man was arrested as the result and several other flistic engagements.

In the records, it is to be recalled the same incident in which Mr. Elias Sablan attempted to create the same trouble among the two races of people in the Saipan District after his defeat in the Mayors election in 1953.

Mr. Elias Sablan attempted to segregate the Carolinians and the Chamorroes in which plan was to concentrate the entire Carolinians in the old town of Garapan under his leadership, and the chamorroes were to be strictly confined in the town of Chalan Kanoa. Cdr. Robert D. Law Jr. was the Naval Administrator who refused to allow the segregation as it is in violation of the Trust Territory Code.

ENCLOSURE (1)

Please note that such violation of the Saipan District Chamber of Commerce in the preservation of peace among the people, and who are also in violation of their own charter, must be stopped.

The topics of Mr. David Sablans lecture to the public are as follows:

1. Defined the defects of the Government of the Territory of Guam by its inability to uphold their own economy, and the people are unable to subsist.
2. To prove the above statement, he defined vehicles which he sold by time plan payments were repossessed upon the failure of the by-monthly installment as the result of their inability to make the money.
3. Define the U S Navy's intention to cut all further project and reduce employment in the Saipan District including the new Hospital project, as the result of the reintregation Resolution No. 7.
4. Income tax too high and the people are unable to meet their tax payments etc.
5. Emphasized the Navy furnishing power, water, and about 2/3 of the entire highways of Guam including hospitalisation etc. Guam government had to pay the Navy 80% for the above maintenance.

I therefore call your attention to the foregoing discrepancies as administered by these group of people in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce hence, peace and order in the Saipan District may be restored.

Respectfully yours,

Antonio A. Dias.

cc/

Governor of Guam
Sixth Guam Legislature
Editor, Guam Daily News.

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Honorable Antonio A. Diaz
Member, Twelfth Saipan Legislature
Saipan District

My dear Mr. Diaz:

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 1960, concerning the events that occurred at the meeting of the Saipan District Chamber of Commerce on 11 December 1960.

Public discussions on the question of the proposed integration of the Marianas can be most beneficial for the people of Saipan. These discussions, however, should be conducted in an atmosphere of mature deliberation with appeals being made to the intellect rather than to the emotions. Meetings and discussions under these conditions are a most effective means of making the populace fully informed on public matters. This holds true not only for the subject of the proposed integration of the Marianas, but also for any issue effecting the people of the Saipan District. It is unfortunate that the emotions of those in attendance at the meeting became so aroused that disturbances were created. The courtesy and good manners so traditional of all Saipanese should have prevailed and prevented them.

With reference to the Charter of the Chamber of Commerce, it is important to remember that this organization is a private organization of private citizens. Determination of whether or not actions of the organization are in consonance with its charter are within the purview of the charter members of that organization.

In connection with the foregoing, I wish to reiterate my stand which I gave to you in our previous discussions. The Naval Administration of the Saipan District continues to take a neutral stand, neither endorsing nor opposing the issue of the integration of the Marianas. We consider that this is an issue reserved for and to be resolved by the people alone. I have great faith that this can and will be done in a spirit of tolerance and forbearance by all concerned.

Again many thanks for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. A. WENDT
Rear Admiral, USN
Commander Naval Forces Marianas

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