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SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN SENATOR
JOHNSTON'S RESPONSE TO SENATOR
SALII'S TELEGRAM

- The recent executive session of the Senate Subcommittee on Territories referred to in Senator Salii's message was one of several on-going consultations between the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. Government on the Micronesian and Marianas status talks. Negotiations are being conducted for the entire U.S. Government by Ambassador Williams, who has kept the Congress informed and has sought the advice of key members prior to and following each major stage in the talks.

- Senator Salii can be certain that the views of the Joint Committee on Future Status, the Marianas Political Status Commission and the Congress of Micronesia on all status matters have been and will continue to be taken into full consideration by the U.S. Government through established negotiating channels and through the regular process of internal U.S. Governmental consultations referred to above.

- The members and committees of the U.S. Congress have also had the benefit of Micronesian thinking as expressed in various Joint Committee reports to the Congress of Micronesia, its written comments on the draft compact of free association and various public statements.

- Senator Salii and his colleagues may be certain that the full views and endorsement of the Joint Committee and Congress of Micronesia and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of the Trust Territory will be given great weight by the U.S. Congress as it considers carefully the final agreements that will terminate the Trusteeship.

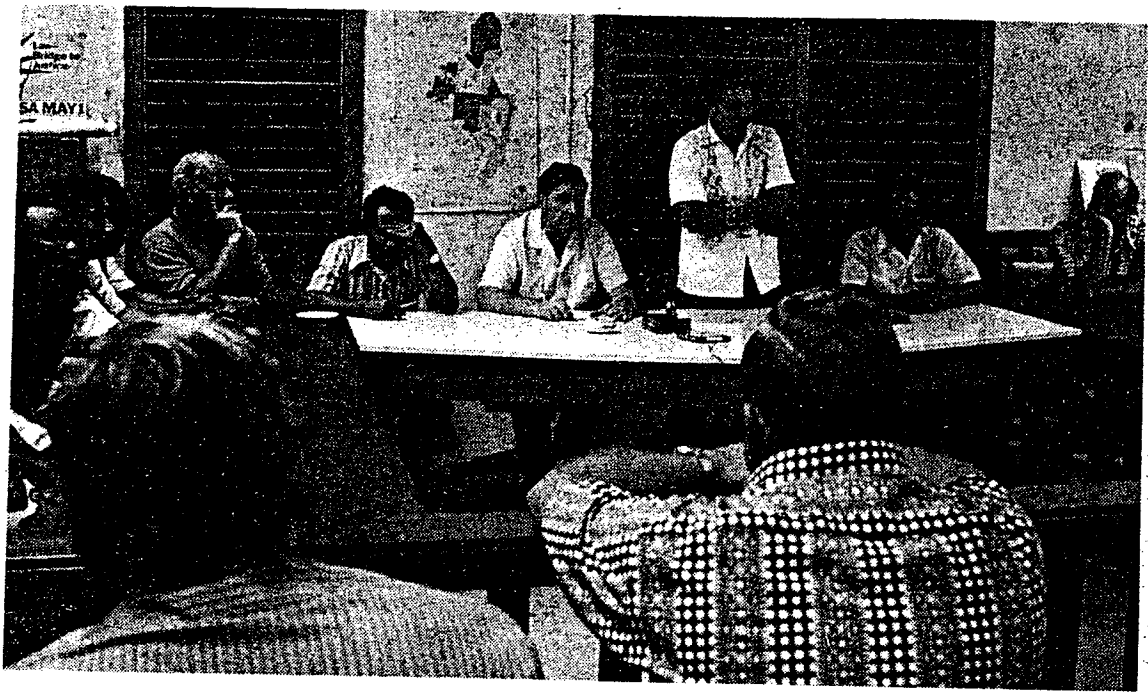
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MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION chairman explains purpose of visit to Tinian. From left: Deputy Rep. James M. Wilson, Tinian Mayor Antonio Borja, Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, Edward Pangelinan, Municipal Legislature Speaker Felipe Mendiola and Navy Admiral William Crowe.