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PLS PASS THE TELEX AS ADDRESSED MR. JEFFREY FARROW, PRESIDENT CARTER'S TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS CONSULTANT. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE WISHES AGAIN TO INFORM YOU OF ITS STRONG AND CONTINUING ENDORSEMENTS OF MESSRS. PEDRO A. TENORIO AND EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES AND MARIANAS JOINT COMMISSION ON FEDERAL LAWS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS AN UNDUE INTERFERENCE BY THE COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE BRANCH RESPECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. TENORIO. THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED IN US NATIONAL POLITICS AND THAT SUCH MATTER SHOULD NOT BE DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NOMINEES TO THE COMMISSION. OUR NOMINEES WERE SELECTED UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNAL SELF GOVERNMENT AND STRONGLY ADVISE THAT THE WHITE HOUSE TREATS THE MATTER AS SUCH WE WERE INFORMED THAT OUR GOVERNOR IS STRONGLY OBJECTING MR. TENORIO'S APPOINTMENT. WE FOUND SUCH MOVE TO BE NOT ONLY PERSONAL BUT POLITICAL AS WELL. FOR YOUR INFORMATION MR. TENORIO WAS NOMINATED BY THE LEGISLATURE SOLELY FROM HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. HIS RESUME IS EVIDENCE OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND CAPABILITY. WE FOUND THAT THE OBJECTION OVER MR. TENORIO'S NOMINATIONS HAS ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS. WE WISH TO REPEAT THAT WE ARE GREATLY DISTURBED BY THE GOVERNOR'S VINDICTIVE ATTITUDE AND STRONGLY REQUEST THAT MR. TENORIO AND PANGELINAN BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION AS THIS IS THE DESIRE AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE. THE LEGISLATURE HAS NO DESIRE TO INTERFERE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION AND WE ASK THAT THE LEGISLATURE'S RECOMMENDATION OF MESSRS. TENORIO AND PANGELINAN BE LIKewise TREATED WITH RESPECT.

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