



**Commission on Decolonization
Subcommittee Meeting: Self-Determination Study
March 20, 2018
Governor's (Small) Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adrian Cruz (Free Association Task Force); Sen. Eddie Duenas (Statehood Task Force)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Michael Bevacqua (Independence Task Force) – Excused, Off-Island

OTHERS PRESENT: Tristan Quintanilla (Youth Congress Representative), Javin Santos (Representative for Sen. Telenia Nelson)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.	<i>Quorum established</i>
Self-Governance Assessment	<p>What is the purpose of the study?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adrian Cruz: To find out how dependent Guam is on its current political status and how things will change under the three potential political statuses. It is a comparative study. - Eloy Hara: The study will develop 3 political status models, based upon what Guam currently has. It will help voters understand. - Adrian Cruz: Last study done by Joe Bradley only looked at ten years forward from when the study was done. This new study will look more ahead. - Sen. Eddie Duenas: I'd like for Herman Sablan, who conducted the plebiscite back then to address the group to discuss his findings. 	<i>Attempt to make contact with Herman Sablan regarding plebiscite to provide more information for the Commission.</i>



Political Status Models	<p>- Adrian Cruz: I would like to add the issue of the (Marianas) Trench; whether it would be repatriated. What are options under the three status options for repatriating the Marianas Trench? The Marianas Trench was given to Chuuk without Guam's consent, though Guam has a right to it.</p>	<p><i>Draft written amendment to include research of Marianas Trench as part of the self-determination study for review at next subcommittee meeting.</i></p>
Open Discussion	<p>Who signs the MOU on behalf of the Commission?</p> <p>- Executive Director: The Governor will sign as Chairman. I will sign as the grant program manager. Mariana also will sign to certify the funds are available.</p>	<p><i>No action.</i></p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.</p>	