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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement on the decertification of the Marianas Regional Fusion Center's (MRFC) Secure Room by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

“A recent decision by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to decertify the MRFC Secure Room confirms what the Committee on Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Guam National Guard has feared could happen when local leadership protects the status quo instead of strengthening our emergency management infrastructure. Decertification of the MRFC Secure Room means that Guam will no longer have the capability to store, process, reproduce, destroy, transmit/receive, and discuss classified national security information.

Although Adelup stated publicly on February 3, 2026, that emergency plans are current, reviewed, and ready for execution, and the Fusion Center transition is actively underway, the Committee received information that the MRFC's Secure Room was decertified by the Office of the Chief Security Officer on February 4, 2026.

I urge the Governor of Guam to immediately assemble the personnel and resources necessary across the Government of Guam to relocate the MRFC Secure Room to a new location and work diligently to regain eligibility and access to classified national security information in support of the work of law enforcement personnel in our US Territory.

Failure to do so jeopardizes our collective ability to detect, prepare for, and respond to known and developing threats against Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”

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