解:

(1) 由 
$$\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2$$
,  $\rho \cos \theta = x$   
故 $C : \rho^2 = 2\sqrt{2}\cos \theta$   
 $x^2 + y^2 = 2\sqrt{2}x$   
即: $(x - \sqrt{2})^2 + y^2 = 2$ 

(2) 设 
$$P(x,y), M(2\sqrt{2}\cos^2\theta, 2\sqrt{2}\sin\theta\cos\theta)$$
 由题意:  $\overrightarrow{AM} = (\sqrt{2}\cos 2\theta + \sqrt{2} - 1, \sqrt{2}\sin 2\theta)$  则  $\overrightarrow{AP} = (x-1,y) = \sqrt{2}\overrightarrow{AM} = (2\cos 2\theta + 2 - \sqrt{2}, 2\sin 2\theta)$  故:  $C_1: \begin{cases} x = 2\cos 2\theta - \sqrt{2} + 3 \\ y = 2\sin 2\theta \end{cases}$  由 (1) 得:  $C$  为圆,圆心在  $(\sqrt{2},0)$ ,半径为  $\sqrt{2}$   $C_1: (x-3+\sqrt{2})^2 + y^2 = 4$  也是圆 故  $C_1$  圆心在  $(3-\sqrt{2},0)$ ,半径为  $2$  两圆圆心距  $d = |\sqrt{2} - 3 + \sqrt{2}| = 3 - 2\sqrt{2} < r_1 - r_C = 2 - \sqrt{2}$  故  $C$  内含于  $C_1$