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1. EXTAFF ADVISED EMBASSY TODAY THAT PRIME MINISTER GORTON HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM CHAIRMAN, MICRONESIAN CONGRESS STATUS COMMISSION, REQUESTING AUSTRALIAN VISAS FOR VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BETWEEN MARCH 25-APRIL 2. ACCORDING TO TELEGRAM, DETAILS ON PROPOSED VISIT FOLLOW IN LETTER TO AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER NORWOOD. TELEGRAM PROVIDES NO INFO ON PURPOSE TRIP OTHER THAN TO STATE COMMISSION PLANS STUDY MISSION TO VARIOUS PACIFIC ISLANDS AND AUSTRALIA. NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA. TEL STATES PERSONS INVOLVED ARE (1) COMMISSION MEMBERS LAZURAS SALII, AMATA KABUA, RAILY OLTER, JOHN MANGFEL, TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, FRANCISCO PALACIOS; (2) COMMISSION STAFF MEMBER CARL HEINE; AND (3) MICRONESIAN BUSINESSMEN WHO WILL BE OBSERVERS: JOSE TINORIO, DAVID SABLAN.

2. TEL REQUESTS THAT AUSTRALIAN VISAS BE ISSUED IN OR SENT TO HONOLULU WHERE COMMISSION WILL BE FEBRUARY 26-28.

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3. SOA PLANS TAKE NO ACTION PENDING RECEIPT HICOM NORWOOD'S LETTER. HOWEVER, EXTAFF WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON COMMISSION'S PROPOSED ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE SUPPLIED BY DEPARTMENT. ALSO, GROUP SHOULD BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY THAT THERE IS NO AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE IN HONOLULU. VISAS WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED AT AUSTRALIAN CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO, AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION SUVA, OR AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE NOUMEA. SEPARATE ENTRY PERMITS FOR PAPUA-NEW GUINEA CAN BE ISSUED SAME OFFICES. EXTAFF WILL NEED AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS ADVANCE ADVICE ON WHERE

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