OUTGOING TELEGRAM Department of State CONFIDENTIAL Classification ACTION Amembassy CANBERRA I FEL 69 INFO: Amembassy WELLINGTON Amconsulate SUVA STATE SUBJ: TTPI Status Commission REF: Canberra 1048 Neither State nor Interior has any firm details re proposed 🗞 visit to Australia by TTPI Status Commission mentioned refitely Guamenewspaper which we are repeating to Suva and Wellington. Feb 18 carried story based on interview with Commission Chairman Salii stating Commission planned extended visit to Pacific territories including Hawaii, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Papua/New Guinea (Port Moresby). Dates for Australian visit given in article agree with those reftel, and article says intended purpose in Australia is to talk with officials responsible for administration Papua/New Guinea. Trip apparently at instigation Prof. Davidson who just completed visit Saipan (Canberra 142). ralian and New Zealand Embassies queried r instructions about trip. We said there was For to M issuing visas and informed them of news END · FYI. ) Tel. Ext. IO:UNP SRPeale/jm 2/21/69 3116 Interior - Mr. Milner (state) UNP - Mr. CONFIDENTIAL Classification DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR FORM DS-322 FED. 25 1918 REVIEWED BY W. U RDS or XDS EXT. DATE REASON(S)

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- 2. If newspaper article correct, Suva probably best place issue visas. (Australian Embassy suggesting this to Extaff.) Commission allegedly due there about March 11, but probably advisable await definite word from Saipan.
- 3. Dept. will inform as further information becomes available. However, believe Australians and New Zealanders already aware of USG concerns re evolution of Micronesian views on these questions.

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