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SUBJ: TTPI STATUS COMMISSION

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(B) STATE 28150

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1. TTPI HICOM HAS INFORMED EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM THAT IN ADDITION AUSTRALIA, COMMISSION PLANS VISIT PAPUA/NEW GUINEA APRIL 2 AND 3, APPARENTLY EN ROUTE BACK TO TTPI. HICOM ALSO STATES AUSTRALIAN VISAS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FROM AUSTRALIAN CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO.

2. WHILE GOA HAS TAKEN NO DECISION ON HANDLING VISIT PENDING RECEIPT MORE INFORMATION, EXSTAFF PACIFIC ISLANDS DESK OFFICER (KIRIN DESMOND) SEES NO PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, BOTH EMBASSY AND DESMOND BELIEVE COMMISSION SHOULD AMEND ITINERARY TO INCLUDE MORE TIME IN PAPUA/NEW GUINEA AS AGAINST AUSTRALIA. SEVERAL DAYS IN CANBERRA SHOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. WE ALSO BELIEVE (DESMOND CONCURS) ANY FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS FROM TTPI HICOM OR COMMISSION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA RATHER THAN AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER. ASIDE FROM PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, HANDLING WITHIN GOA CAN MEAN DELAY SEVERAL DAYS OR MORE IN SUCH MESSAGES REACHING ACTION OFFICE.  
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