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Following for your information are excerpts from/letter office of the High Commissioner TTPI sent to Embassy Canberra: QTE The Congress of Micronesia is authorized under Secretarial Order No. 2918, Dept. of the Interior. It is composed of elected representatives from throughout the Trust Territory and is not subject to direct United States supervision, although its establishment and the scope of its authority are the result of United States executive action and the individual acts of the Congress are subject to veto by the High Commissioner, and if repassed over his veto, by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Future Political Status Commission was created by the Congress of Micronesia in July, 1967 and assigned, among others, the following tasks: (1) to examine and report on the political status alternatives open to the Micronesians; (2) to recommend a program of political education; (3) to recommend procedures for ascertaining the wishes of the people; and (4) to conduct

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a comparative study of how other countries attained their respective political status. The Commission submitted an interim report in July of 1968 and is now preparing its final report for submission in July, 1969.

When the Commission met last July and the Congress of Micronesia, in conjunction with the Commission, established its agenda and itinerary for the coming ~~year~~ year, they did not anticipate making a trip through the South Pacific. It is true that they did have a rather full schedule, but as previously stated, the South Pacific was not included.

During the latter half of 1968 they carried out the first part of their agenda and, with the coming of a new Congress, reorganized in January to complete the second half of their agenda.

It was as this time that Professor J. W. Davidson convinced them that they should alter their original itinerary and make a rather extensive tour through the South Pacific.

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Consequently, they now plan on visiting American Samoa (March 3-6), Western Samoa (March 6-11), Fiji (March 12-18), New Zealand (March 18-25), Australia (March 25-April 2), the Trust Territory of Papua-New Guinea (April 2-3), and the Republic of the Philippines (April 3-4).

The Commission has preferred to make their own arrangements and we know very little regarding their procedure. END QTE.

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