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SUBJ: MICRONESIAN CONGRESS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION

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1. COMMISSION CUT SHORT VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND AND LEFT WELLINGTON FOR SYDNEY AT 0800 MARCH 18. COMMISSION ARRIVED WELLINGTON SATURDAY MARCH 15, ATTENDED A PARTY HOSTED BY GNZ SECRETARY FOR MAORI AFFAIRS, MARCH 16, AND SPENT MOST OF MONDAY MARCH 17 WITH GNZ OFFICIALS FROM EXTAFF AND DEPT ISLAND TERR. FOUR MEMBERS OF COMMISSION, I.E., CHAIRMAN SALLII, KABUA, NAKAYAMA, AND MANGEFEL CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON OF 17TH, BUT HAD TO MISS EMBASSY LUNCHEON SCHEDULED FOR 20TH.
2. IN COURSE OF EMBASSY VISIT, SALLII TOLD US COMMISSION WAS ADDING OKINAWA TO ITS ITINERARY. ACCORDING TO R.B. ATKINS, HEAD EXTAFF SOUTH PACIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, COMMISSION WAS PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN EXAMINING DIFFERENCES IN NEW ZEALAND'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE COOK ISLANDS AND TO WESTERN SAMOA.
3. ALTHOUGH COMMISSION STAFF OFFICER HEINE EXPLAINED TO DCM THAT EARLY DEPARTURE DUE TO DESIRE SPEND MORE TIME WITH PROFESSOR J.W. DAVIDSON IN AUSTRALIA, WHO HELPED PLAN TRIP, WE BELIEVE MOST LIKELY REASON FOR SHORTENED STAY HERE IS ADDITION OF OKINAWA TO ITINERARY. CHAIRMAN SALLII TOLD US THAT COMMISSION SCHEDULE NOW

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