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SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN STATUS COMMISSION

1. BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS VISITING POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION REVEALED MAJORITY VIEW THAT MICRONESIA (A) SHOULD OPT FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT SHORT OF COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE AND (B) SEEK TO MAINTAIN FORMAL LINK WITH UNITED STATES.
2. MEMBERS TOLD EMBOFF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN ALSO UNDER SCRUTINY AS INVITED SENIOR PARTNER OF A SEMI-INDEPENDENT MICRONESIA, BUT THERE SEEMED TO BE LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR THESE OPTIONS. GROUP, ARRIVING FROM PORT MORESBY, COMPARED AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATION OF P-NG UNFAVORABLY WITH THAT OF US IN TRUST TERRITORIES. MEMBERS SOMEWHAT CRITICAL OF QUALITY AND OUTLOOK SOME AMERICAN ADMINISTRATORS, BUT PRAISED PEACE CORPS.
3. STRONG CONVERSATIONAL THEME WAS DESIRE TO DECIDE OWN FORTUNES, JUDGE WHAT IS BEST FOR ISLANDS, PROTECT THEM FROM HARSHER ASPECTS OF WESTERNIZATION. "SOME TOURISM IS FINE, BUT WE DON'T WANT THE MARSHALLS TURNED INTO WAIKIKI BEACH."
4. COMMISSION MEMBERS VERY GOOD NATURED, PLEASED WITH EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE AND REPRESENTATIONAL LUNCHEON WITH PROMINENT FILIPINOS. GP-4.

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