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~~Proposed Press Release~~

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The United States and Japan today announced signature in Tokyo of an agreement to compensate inhabitants of Micronesia for suffering caused by the hostilities of the Second World War.

The two governments will join in making equal <sup>et gratia</sup> contributions for the welfare of the inhabitants of Micronesia of a value equivalent to \$10,000,000.

Micronesia is administered by the United States as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. It formerly was under League of Nations mandate to Japan. <sup>This</sup> Agreement <sup>represents</sup> ~~to~~ ~~compensate Micronesians who were victims of wartime suffering~~ <sup>represents</sup> the successful conclusion of negotiations which have been conducted ~~intermittently~~ between Japan and the United States <sup>for some years,</sup> ~~since 1954.~~

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