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SUBJ: TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS

1. EMBOFF TODAY LUNCHEDED WITH PROF. JAMES DAVIDSON WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM TTPI WHERE HE ASSISTED FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION DRAFT ITS FINAL REPORT TO MICRONESIAN CONGRESS. FOLLOWING ARE SOME COMMENTS HE MADE WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT.
2. COMMISSION HOPES TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER FOR TALKS WITH US GOVT. OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSMEN. DAVIDSON EXPECTS TO ACCOMPANY COMMISSION.
3. ASIDE FROM LAND AND DEFENSE BASE ISSUES, DAVIDSON CLAIMS THAT COMMISSION IS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY THAT US CONGRESS MAY HAVE TO PASS ON TTPI CONSTITUTION (ASSUMING ASSOCIATION WITH US) AND ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THAT CONSTITUTION.
4. AGAIN ASSUMING ASSOCIATION, HE CLAIMS COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED TO HAVE SOME DEGREE IMMIGRATION CONTROL INTO TERRITORY BEYOND THAT EXERCISED FOR U.S., E.G., A MEANS OF CONTROLLING (OR PREVENTING) INFLUX OF CHEAP LABOR FROM PHILIPPINES OR ELSEWHERE IN CONNECTION DEFENSE PROJECTS.
5. HE CONSIDERS THAT ARTICULATED SENTIMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE IS NOW SOMEWHAT WEAKER AND LESS FREQUENTLY HEARD IN TTPI THAN EARLIER THIS YEAR. NEVERTHELESS, HE CLAIMS COMMISSION IS SERIOUS IN PROPOSING INDEPENDENCE AS ALTERNATIVE TO

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"FREE ASSOCIATION" IF MINIMUM MICRONESIAN CONDITIONS NOT MET. HE DID NOT SPELL OUT THESE CONDITIONS, BUT LEFT STRONG IMPRESSION THEY INCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL NOT OFFER US EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL REVIEW OR VETO AUTHORITY OVER INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH WILL AT MINIMUM SEVERELY RESTRAIN US RIGHT EMINENT DOMAIN WITH RESPECT DEFENSE USE OF LANDS, WHICH WOULD PERMIT TERRITORY EXERCISE ENTRY CONTROLS BEYOND THOSE OF US AND OTHER TERRITORIES, AND WHICH WOULD (A LA COOK ISLANDS) OFFER POSSIBILITY TERRITORY UNILATERALLY OPTING OUT OF ASSOCIATION AT ANY TIME.

6. AS AN ASIDE, HE MENTIONED THAT COMMISSION'S OPPOSITION TO AN EARLY ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IS SOMEWHAT MACHIAVELLIAN IN THAT COMMISSION MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH MORE RADICAL INCLINATIONS, BELIEVE THAT TERRITORIAL PUBLIC OPINION REMAINS TOO INCHOATE TO ASSURE STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR AND UNDERSTANDING OF SOME OF MORE DIFFICULT DEMANDS THEY HOPE TO MAKE ON USG. MORE TIME WILL OFFER THEM MORE OPPORUNITIES STIR UP PUBLIC SENTIMENT FOR ISSUES THEY SEE TO BE IMPORTANT. SOME MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT IF ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WERE MADE IN NEAR FUTURE, IT COULD BE TOO EASILY MANIPULATED BY TTPI ADMINISTRATION AND USG. CRONK GP-3

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