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1. Japanese Embassy (Sato) called on Dept Sept 25 to make inquiry similar that reftel. Dept Off said we not fully informed but understood facts as follows:

2. Guam Legislature and Mariana Islands District Legislature had both agreed in separate but obviously related decisions to put issue of unification of Guam with Northern Marianas (not just Saipan, Tinian and Rota) to vote in their respective areas. Dept understands votes will take place November 69 on separate dates.

3. Decisions taken completely on local initiative without consultation, encouragement or approval of USG or Hicom TTPI. Dept Offs pointed out this just latest in series of

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actions in both Guam and Marianas on unification question. Cited as examples similar plebiscites in Marianas in 1961 and 1963 and petitions submitted to Trusteeship Council, most recently at 1969 session.

4. Dept Offs said vote had absolutely no binding effect on USG and results would undoubtedly only be noted.

Plebiscite had no relation to any vote for TTPI as whole. provided for in

Dept Offs pointed out 1972 date ~~related to~~ draft legislation

which never enacted, but any such territory-wide vote on

future status, whether before or after 1972, ~~was~~ was

entirely separate matter. USG and Trusteeship Council

had always considered TTPI as an administrative entity.

Choices to be offered Micronesians at time of self-

determination would depend heavily on their desires. Dept

Offs pointed out Micronesian Political Status Commission

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avored continued TTPI unity and gave Sato copy of  
speech by Commission member from Marianas expressing his  
views this question.

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