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SAIPAN JULY 21, (MNS) --- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE FAILED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ABOUT THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION TOLD THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THAT DISCUSSIONS SO FAR WITH THE UNITED STATES REVEALED "PROFOUND DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES OF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN WASHINGTON LAST OCTOBER AND ON SAIPAN DURING MAY OF THIS YEAR.

DURING THE MEETINGS, THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF TWO POSSIBLE POLITICAL FUTURES FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE FIRST WAS SELF-GOVERNMENT IN FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED

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STATES AND MICRONESIA AS "AN IMPASSE." ALTHOUGH THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONGRESS REJECT THE COMMONWEALTH OFFER, IT DOES NOT CALL FOR ANY FURTHER CHOICE OF A SPECIFIC POLITICAL STATUS. BUT LATER THIS SUMMER IT IS EXPECTED THAT INDIVIDUAL CONGRESSMEN WILL MAKE THEIR FEELINGS KNOWN, AND THAT THE CONGRESS AS A WHOLE MAY CONSIDER FURTHER ACTION.

THE STATUS DELEGATION REPORT DOES CALL FOR UNITED NATIONS STUDY OF THE DISAGREEMENT ABOUT STATUS. IT ALSO URGES ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA "TO SEE THAT THE RIGHTS OF THESE SMALL ISLANDS WILL BE PROTECTED AND RESPECTED."

THE ONE-HUNDRED PAGE REPORT IS, AT SOME POINTS, SHARPLY CRITICAL OF UNITED STATES POLICY IN MICRONESIA. IT CHARGES THAT

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THE BASIC FACTOR GOVERNING UNITED STATES POLICY IS "AN UNDIMINISHED AND INFLEXIBLE" MILITARY INTEREST IN THE ISLANDS.

DESPITE ITS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION DID URGE CONGRESS TO CONSIDER FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, POSSIBLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. THE TALKS SO FAR HAVE MAINLY INVOLVED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND NOT THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. HEADING THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IN THE TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND ON SAIPAN WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR HARRISON LOESCH. THE DELEGATION INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF INTERIOR, STATE, AND DEFENSE.

THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION INCLUDED SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN, REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK, VICE-CHAIRMAN, SENATORS ANDON AMARAICH, YOSIWO NAKAYAMA, BAILEY OLTER, FRANCISCO PALACIOS, REPRESENTATIVES JOHN MANGEFEL, BENJAMIN MANGLONA, OLTER PAUL AND ROMAN TMETUHL.

SENATOR SALII, WHO MADE THE STATUS REPORT TO THE SENATE, SAID "I HAVE ONLY A FEW REMARKS TO MAKE WITH REGARD TO THE SUBMISSION THIS REPORT."

"WE HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE TODAY ON THE CONTENTS OF THE

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REPORT UNTIL AFTER THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE HAD A FEW DAYS TO READ AND DIGEST THE REPORT.

"I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY APOLOGY TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA

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FOR NOT HAVING MADE A PROGRESS REPORT ON OUR WORK."

SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA SAID "THE ACTION OF THE SENATE ON THE REPORT WILL BE DELAYED FOR A FEW DAYS BECAUSE OF THE NATURE AND THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT."

IN THE HOUSE, REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES, "THE OUTCOME OF THIS REPORT WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA."

HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY COMMENDED THE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION FOR ITS EFFORT IN MAKING THE REPORT AND URGED ALL HOUSE MEMBERS TO STUDY THE REPORT BECAUSE "IT IS ALSO THE CONGRESS' RESPONSIBILITY TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ON THEIR POLITICAL STATUS."
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B. SECDEF 042209Z NOV 69
PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, JUL 22 - "OFFERED COMMONWEALTH STATUS"
- BY F. T. ULUDONG, MICRONESIA CORRESPONDENT, SAIPAN - PRESIDENT NIXON
HAS OFFERED THE MICRONESIANS A COMMONWEALTH STATUS BUT THE

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MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION, WHICH RECEIVED THE OFFER
DURING THE MAY TALKS IN SAIPAN, HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE CONGRESS
AND PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO REJECT THE OFFER.
THE DISCLOSURE OF NIXON'S OFFER WAS CONTAINED IN A REPORT
SUBMITTED YESTERDAY TO THE MICRONESIAN CONGRESS NOW MEETING
IN SAIPAN. THE FIFTY-SEVEN REPORT WAS PREPARED AS A RESULT OF THE TWO
ROUND OF TALKS HELD BETWEEN NIXON'S REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
MICRONESIAN DELEGATION IN MAY AND LAST OCTOBER IN WASHINGTON.
THE DISCLOSURE CONFIRMED PAST SPECULATION, TRIGGERED BY
MARIANAS LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VINCENTE SANTOS SWITCH FROM INT-
EGRATION TO COMMONWEALTH STATUS, THAT NIXON'S REPRESENTATIVES
PROPOSED THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS DURING THE MAY TALKS.

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ESTATED THE UNITED STATES WOULD RETAIN POWER TO LEGISLATE FOR MICRONESIA; AND MOST IMPORTANT, THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS WOULD BE PERMANENT AND IRREVOCABLE.

MICRONESIAN DELEGATION CHAIRMAN, SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CALLED THE UNITED STATES OFFER A "CAMOUFLAGED OFFER OF OUTRIGHT TERRITORIAL STATUS."

WHILE THE DELEGATION ACKNOWLEDGED THE FINANCIAL BENEFITS OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS, IT DECLARED THAT "MICRONESIAN IDENTITY CANNOT BE BARTERED FOR FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES."

IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHAT THE CONGRESS WILL DO ON THE STATUS QUESTION BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT IT WILL GIVE ITS ENDORSEMENT TO THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES AND RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY THE DELEGATION."

PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, 22 JUL "PIPE DREAMS" - BY JOE MURPHY - "TWO IMPORTANT NEWS STORIES ARE IN THE DAILY NEWS THIS MORNING."

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SEEMINGLY UNRELATED I BELIEVE THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE FAR REACHING, AND IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS IN THE LONG RUN. THE FIRST ONE WAS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD INDEED OFFERED MICRONESIA COMMONWEALTH STATUS, SIMILAR TO PUERTO RICO, AND THE MICRONESIANS HAVE, APPARENTLY REJECTED IT. THE SECOND STORY WAS THAT THE FIRST JAL PLANE TO VISIT GUAM PULLED IN YESTERDAY MORNING, TO PRACTICE LANDINGS FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS IN OCTOBER.

JAPANESE INVADE GUAM AGAIN--ON LIBERATION DAY? OF COURSE, WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE THEM THIS TIME, BECAUSE PRESUMABLY THEY'LL BE FLYING IN HERE THREE TIMES A WEEK TO START, LOADED TO THE GUNNALES WITH FREE SPENDING JAPANESE TOURISTS TO BOLSTER THE ISLAND'S ECONOMY.

BUT I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, THAT AS JAL COMES INTO GUAM, AND INTO SAIPAN, WE CAN EXPECT JAPANESE MONEY TO FOLLOW. WE CAN EXPECT INCREASING PRESSURES UPON THE T.T. GOVERNMENT -- AND THE U.S. CONGRESS -- TO ALLOW THE JAPANESE TO BUILD HOTELS IN THE ISLANDS TO HANDLE THE TOURISTS. IT CERTAINLY FOLLOWS THAT WITHIN TEN YEARS YOU'LL SEE SCORES OF JAPANESE BUSINESSES, AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF JAPANESE YEN INVESTED IN THE ISLANDS. IT ALSO FOLLOWS THAT THE JAPANESE WILL EXERT SOME POLITICAL PRESSURE AS WELL AS ECONOMIC

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