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1. HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST TERRITORY PACIFIC ISLANDS, AND MRS. JOHNSTON VISITED CANBERRA OCTOBER 16 FOR DISCUSSIONS GOA OFFICIALS. GOA ACTED AS HOST FOR VISIT AND EXCEPT FOR BRIEF MEETING AT EMBASSY, JOHNSTON SPENT ENTIRE SIX HOUR VISIT WITH HOSTS. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS DISCUSSION PROPOSED JOHNSTON TRIP TO TERRITORY PAPUA/NEW GUINEA (TPNG) AS GUEST AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATOR L.W. JOHNSON BEING SLATED TAKE PLACE LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL, 1971. ALSO, HICOM JOHNSTON TOOK OPPORTUNITY BROACH POSSIBILITY SERIES OF RECIPROCAL VISITS BETWEEN GOA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH TPNG AND US OFFICIALS CONCERNED TTP. PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY JOHNSTON IN INTERESTS OF SHARING EXPERIENCES AMONG ADMINISTRATORS OF "LAST TWO TRUST TERRITORIES" WITH HOPE THAT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SOME OF PROGRAMS BEING CARRIED OUT IN ONE TERRITORY MIGHT BE USEFUL IN WORK OF OTHER AND VICE VERSA.

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2. FIRST GROUP TO PICK UP SUGGESTION ABOUT RECIPROCAL VISITS WAS PARLIAMENTARY SUB-COMMITTEE ON PACIFIC AFFAIRS WHOSE MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST EVEN ASKING ABOUT SPECIFIC AIRLINES AND TIME REQUIRED

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TO MAKE VISIT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DRURY, HOWEVER, NOTED POSSIBILITY OF PARLIAMENTARY VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE WAS NOT GOOD SINCE SUB-COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ADVISED IT CAN TRAVEL THIS YEAR ONLY FOR TEN DAYS ALTOGETHER, AND IT HAS ALREADY ALLOCATED SOME OF THIS TIME TO OTHER VISITS.

3. DURING MEETING WITH EXTAFF, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASTMAN STATED GOA HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION PROPOSING INFORMAL VISITS BY ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN NAURU TO TTPI ROUGHLY TWICE A YEAR. ROBERTSON (EXTAFF) NOTED GOA HAS PROPOSAL OPEN CONSULATE IN HONOLULU, BUT GOA FEELS HEAVY WORKLOAD ANTICIPATED IN HAWAII PRECLUDED ASSIGNING TTPI VISITS TO THAT OFFICE. THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH EXTAFF ABOUT COMPOSITION OF UNITED NATIONS TEAM SCHEDULED TO VISIT TPNG NEXT YEAR. GOA'S PRESENT UNDERSTANDING IS TEAM WILL BE CHAIRED BY GREAT BRITAIN AND CONTAIN THREE OTHER REPS, POSSIBLY FRANCE AND TWO MEMBERS COMMITTEE OF 24 (THOUGHT TO BE SIERRA LEONE AND IRAQ) MAKING TOTAL OF FOUR.

4. OFFICIAL LUNCHEON FOR JOHNSTON HOSTED BY SECRETARY EXTERNAL TERRITORIES HAY. DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY BALLARD PRECEDED LUNCHEON AND WAS CONFINED TO BRIEF DISCUSSION APPLICATION OF DOCTRINE EMINENT DOMAIN IN TTPI.

5. SUBJECT OF POLITICAL FORUM IDEA WAS RAISED TWICE DURING VISIT; MEMBER PARLIAMENT TURNER ASKED US VIEW TOWARD INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL MATTERS IN SPC, AND EASTMAN ASKED MORE GENERAL QUESTION ON CONCEPT OF POLITICAL FORUM. JOHNSTON PARRIED BOTH QUESTIONS TO EFFECT HE HAD NOT ATTENDED SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE AND HAD NOT YET BEEN BRIEFED ON CONFERENCE BY HIS DEPUTY WHO HAD REPRESENTED TTPI INTERESTS THERE. EASTMAN VOLUNTEERED THAT GOA CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL FORUM IDEA WAS STILL UNDERWAY AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS HAD NOT YET "GONE TO MINISTERS." ROBERTSON ADDED GOA UNDERSTOOD GNZ PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP POLITICAL FORUM FOR SOUTH PACIFIC HAD BEEN APPROVED BY MINISTERS IN GNZ. WHETHER GNZ PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR INITIATIVE TO COME FROM ISLANDERS OR FROM GNZ AND/OR GOA

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IS NOT CLEAR.

6. COMMENT: INITIATIVE SHOWN BY JOHNSTON IN COMING TO CANBERRA WELCOMED BY GOA. EMBASSY FAVORS RECIPROACH VISITS BETWEEN ADMINISTRATORS TTPI AND TPNG ON INFORMAL BASIS SUBJECT TO SUITABLE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT VISITS WOULD CONTINUE BE ACCOMPLISHED IN LOW KEY WITH NO PUBLICITY IN ORDER AVOID ANY POSSIBLE IMPLICATION THAT TWO METROPOLITANS ARE EXCHANGING INFORMATION FOR PURPOSE CONTINUING RESPECTIVE RULE OVER ISLANDERS.

7. FOR DEPARTMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING COMPOSITION OF UN GROUP SCHEDULED TO VISIT TPNG AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED BY UN GROUP WHEN AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT.
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