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SUMMARY: DURING COURTESY CALL, HICOM JOHNSTON BROUGHT DEP VICE
FONMIN YASUKAWA UP TO DATE ON STATUS US IMPLEMENTATION TTPI
AGREEMENT. FISHING BOAT SEISURES AND TTPI-GOJ LIAISON ALSO
TOUCHED UPON. HICOM ALSO EXPLAINED AIRFIELD PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOV 30, DURING HIS VISIT AS GUEST OF JAPAN AIRLINES ON
INAUGURAL GUAM/TOKYO FLIGHT, HICOM JOHNSTON, ACCOMPANIED BY
AMBASSADOR, PAID COURTESY CALL ON DEP VICEMIN YASUKAWA. FOLLOWING
EXCHANGE PLEASANTRIES, YASUKAWA ASKED HICOM ABOUT STATUS US
IMPLEMENTATION OF US/GOJ AGREEMENT ON TTPI FOR EX GRATIA PAYMENTS
TO MICRONESIANS. HICOM REFERRED BRIEFLY TO DIFFICULTIES CAUSED
RECENTLY
BY UNSCRUPULOUS ATTORNEY IN SAIPAN WHO HAS AGITATED
MICRONESIANS TO INFLATE CLAIMS. HE THEN TOLD YASUKAWA THAT SENATE
HAS ADOPTED JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF CLAIMS
BOARD AND AUTHORIZING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR EX GRATIA PAYMENTS
UNDER TTPI AGREEMENT AS WELL AS TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR POST-
SECURE CLAIMS. HICOM SAID PRESENT ESTIMATE IS THAT RESOLUTION WILL
PASS HOUSE DURING CURRENT SESSION. HE NOTED THAT ACTUAL APPROPRIA-

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TION OF FUNDS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED BEFORE 1971. YASUKAWA HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT SENATE ACTION AND WAS MOST ENCOURAGED TO LEARN OF PROGRESS US MAKING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT; YASUKAWA SAID GOJ IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FINAL US ACTION SO THAT IT MAY BEGIN ACTUAL DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. HE NOTED THAT GOJ HAS SET ASIDE 600 MILLION YEN IN JFY 70 BUDGET AS IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER AGREEMENT.

2. YASUKAWA SAID HE REGRETTED USING COURTESY CALL AS OCCASION FOR BUSINESS MATTER, BUT HE WISHED RAISE PROBLEM OF FIFNING BOATS SEIZURES WITH HICOM. YASUKAWA ASKED THAT GOJ BE INFORMED OF SEIZURES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER EVENT. HE ASSURED HICOM OF GOJ'S DESIRE COOPERATE FULLY IN PREVENTING INTRUSIONS INTO TTPI TERRITORIAL WATERS BY JAPANESE FISHING BOATS. HICOM REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN INCIDENT RECENTLY INVOLVING OKINAWAN VESSEL, BUT SAID HE DID NOT THINK THERE HAD BEEN ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH JAPANESE VESSELS RECENTLY.

3. YASUKAWA INQUIRED ABOUT TTPI POSITION ON TERRITORIAL WATERS. HICOM REFERRED TO DIFFERING VIEWS OF US ADMINISTRATION AND MICRONESIANS OVER APPROPRIATE WIDTH OF MICRONESIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. HICOM STATED THAT HE HAD MADE CLEAR HIS INTENTION VETO BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS MICRONESIA SOME MONTHS AGO TO EXTEND TERRITORIAL LIMIT TO TWELVE MILES. HE NOTED THAT SOMETIMES INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS IN MICRONESIA PLACE OWN INTERPRETATION UPON BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL WATERS. HICOM SAID REAL PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS NOT INTRUSION INTO WATERS, BUT ACTUAL LANDING BY FISHERMEN TO TAKE TURTLES OR GIANT CLAM SHELLS ON VARIOUS ISLANDS. HICOM CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT RELATIONS WITH JAPANESE FISHERMEN ARE, ON THE WHOLE, EXCELLENT.

4. YASUKAWA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS SO. HE NOTED THAT GOJ ONCE HAD THOUGHT OF ESTABLISHING CONSULAR OFFICE IN SAIPAN, BUT CONCLUDED THIS WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL SINCE TERRITORY IS UNDER TRUSTEESHIP. GOJ NEVERTHELESS WANTS TO PROMOTE LIAISON WITH HICOM IN SOME PRACTICAL WAY. YASUKAWAS SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE HICOM'S THINKING ON THIS POINT.

5. HICOM SAID HE IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HONORARY JAPANESE CONSUL IN GUAM, AND THAT HE HAS MET WITH JAPANESE CONGEN IN HONOLULU.

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HICOM CONTINUED THAT HONOLULU CONGEN INDICATED AT ONE TIME HE EXPECTED TO BE MADE NEAREST POINT OF CONTACT FOR SUPERVISION OF JAPANESE EX GRATIA PAYMENTS IN ISLANDS. HICOM SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH WHOMEVER GOJ DESIGNATES AS RESPONSIBLE AGENT. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT HONORARY JAPANESE CONSUL IN GUAM HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL.

6. HICOM COMMENTED THAT JAPANESE VISITORS TO SAIPAN, BOTH FOR BUSINESS AND PLEASURE, ARE NUMEROUS. HE ADDED THAT NEARLY ALL CONSUMABLE AND MOST ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES USED IN ISLANDS COME FROM JAPAN. HE SAID THAT TTPI WELCOMES JAPANESE VISITORS, BUT NOTED SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT, I.E. RECENT LEGISLATION REQUIRING NEW VENTURES BE AT LEAST 65 PERCENT CAPITALIZED BY MICRONESIANS. HICOM MENTIONED LIMITED HOTEL SPACE AND VOLUNTEERED THAT TTPI HOPES SOON HAVE 8,700 FOOT RUNWAY, EXTENDED BY 100 FEET ON EACH END, OPEN FOR SERVICE ON SAIPAN. HE EXPLAINED WHY PRESENT AIRFIELD NOT SUITABLE FOR COMMERCIAL, EVEN CHARTER SERVICE.

7. YASUKAWA THANKED HICOM FOR CALLING. HICOM EXPRESSED INTENTION RETURN TO JAPAN SOON FOR LONGER STAY AND MORE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS.
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