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SUBJ: Congress of Micronesia - Marianas Delegation

Please pass telegraphically to TTPI POLAD IN TRUK .

- In addition to general guidance ref B which you free to use in discussing Washington views on Marianas separatism issue, you also authorized to state following with reference to Marianas Congressional delegation failure to attend Truk session of Congress of Micronesia ( (ref A)
- Possibility of Marianas/delegation not attending C of M session was not discussed in Interior/State meeting with Marianas group in Washington. However, USG opposition to such course clear by inference.

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Secty Loesch suggested, for example, that Marianas group work within Congress to gain acceptance of their views - e.g. amendments to tax bill. Moreover, Marianas delegation decision clearly inconsistent with Loesch advice to work within system.

b. Question of Marianas attitude toward special session was raised during at least one informal conversation with member of claims delegation. State Dept officer advised against possibility of non-attendance using same "work within the system" guidance offered by Loesch. Loesch Sends.

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