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USIA	NSC			1. The referenced telegram summarized Representative Felipe Ataliq's (Marianas District) May 11 statement in the House of Representatives on the future political status question. Addresscos will note that Ataliq rather explicitly invites the Congress to assist in separating the Marianas out of the TTPI in return for Marianas support to the other districts' desire for "free association or independence." Although Ataliq is a political lightweight in the Marianas, his views are undoubtedly shared by most of the rest and probably all of the Marianas Delegation. Too, his suggestions for a mutual support effort are in the minds of others here -- particularly members of the Trukese and Palauan Delegations to the Congress of Micronesia.	
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USIA				2. The full text of Representative Ataliq's statement is enclosed.	

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Enclosure: one as described above.

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THANK YOU, MR. SPENCE.

LAST NIGHT, THE SENATOR FROM PALAU, IN A STRONGLY WORDED SPEECH, STATED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WAS DEALING WITH FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS IN A VERY LISTLESS MANNER, AND HE WISHED THAT IF THE CONGRESS DOES NOT ACT IMMEDIATELY TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, THERE WILL BE NO REAL CHOICE FOR US.

HE ALSO EXTENDED HIS HAND ACROSS TWO THOUSAND MILES OF PACIFIC OCEAN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, INVITING THEIR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO COME TO TRUK IJ OPEN AN IMMEDIATE DIALOGUE ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANAS IN PARTICULAR, AND MICRONESIA IN GENERAL.

I CANNOT SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE MARIANAS, SENATORS BORJA AND PANGELINAN, REPRESENTATIVES GUERRERO AND SHODA. BUT I AM WILLING AND ANXIOUS TO REACH OUT AND GRASP THE HAND, NOT ONLY OF SENATOR THUTUCH, BUT THE HANDS OF ALL 28 OF MY BROTHERS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN AN EFFORT TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY POSITION ON THE BEST FUTURE STATUS FOR THE MARIANAS. NOR DOES IT MEAN THAT MY DESIRE FOR A PERMANENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES HAS LESSENED. THE HISTORICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MARIANAS AND THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY REMAIN GREAT; OUR CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, DISTINCT; THREE PLEBISCITES IN THE LAST 16 YEARS HAVE BORN POWERFUL WITNESS TO THE WISE OF MY

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CONSTITUTIONS FOR A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN ANYCASE, THEN, OUR DREAM OF SUCH A STATUS HAS GROWN EVEN MORE VIVID WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS DO NOT DESIRE THE PEOPLE IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS. AND, ALTHOUGH OUR POLITICAL DESIRES MAY DIVERGE, WE HAVE ONLY THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR THE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS, PALAU, PONAPE, TONGAREVA, AND YAP. FURTHERMORE, WE STAND READY TO ASSIST THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO AID THEM IN ACHIEVING THESE ASPIRATIONS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE OTHER DISTRICTS WILL STAND READY TO ASSIST THE MARIANAS IN REALIZING OUR ASPIRATIONS.

(pause and begin slowly)

M. Speaker of distinguished colleagues

I DEEPLY REGRET THE RECENT TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED IN SAIPAN. THE WANTON AND DELIBERATE DESTRUCTION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE CHAMBERS WAS A LOSS WHICH I, EVEN AS A FREEMAN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FELT DEEPLY. THE WASTEFUL AND NEEDLESS ARSON COMMITTED BY A VIOLENT, UNREASONING FEW HAS BROUGHT MUCH SHAME AND EMBARRASSMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

SUCH A CRUDE ACT OF LAWLESSNESS IS RENDERED EVEN MORE UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE THE SAIPANESE ARE A PEACEFUL PEOPLE, AND HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF RESPECT FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

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IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT SEVERAL SUSPECTS
HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED, AND I FERVENTLY HOPE THAT THE INVESTIGATION WILL
SOON BE CONCLUDED, AND THE GUILTY SEVERELY PUNISHED.

I NOTED BEFORE THAT THE ULTIMATE POLITICAL DESIRES OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS DIFFER GREATLY FROM THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
OTHER DISTRICTS. YET, AT THIS TIME, WE ARE ALL BOUND TOGETHER UNDER THE
TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, AND WE MUST ALL BARGAIN WITH THE UNITED STATES
PRIOR TO ITS TERMINATION.

I BELIEVE THAT IN SPITE OF OUR DIFFERENCES, IT IS VITAL THAT
WE BARGAIN AMONG OURSELVES BEFORE WE NEGOTIATE WITH OUR OPPONENT.
ALTHOUGH OUR FUTURE STATUS MAY NOT BE IDENTICAL, EACH OF US CAN,
IRONICALLY, ACHIEVE AN ADDED STRENGTH IN REACHING OUR POLITICAL GOALS
BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

(pause)

THE UNITED STATES WILL PROPOSE TO BEGIN STATUS TALKS IN AUGUST,
IN HAWAII. THIS IS ONLY THREE MONTHS AWAY. FIRST, I AM NOT SO SURE
THAT IT IS WISE TO PERMIT OUR BARGAINING OPPONENT TO UNILATERALLY CHOOSE
THE NEGOTIATING SITE.

MORE IMPORTANT, WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF WORK TO DO PRIOR TO THIS
TIME. WE MUST GATHER FACTS ON THE ECONOMIC COST OF EACH PROPOSED POLITICAL
STATUS. WE MUST EXAMINE AND INVESTIGATE THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT

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OF EACH SUCH STATE.

IF WE FIND THAT THESE NECESSARY STATISTICS CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY
AMOUNT, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO POSTPONE THE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL WE CAN
OBTAIN THEM. FOR IT WILL BE POLITICAL DISASTER FOR US TO MEET THE MOST
POWERFUL NATION IN THE WORLD, POLITICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND ECONOMICALLY
UNARMED. SUCH WOULD NOT RESULT IN MEANINGFUL BARGAINING, BUT WOULD
BE A RE-ENACTMENT OF CUSTER'S LAST STAND WITH MICRONESIANS, IRONICALLY,
PLAYING THE ROLE OF THE WHITE MAN.

ONCE AGAIN, MY COLLEAGUES, I GREATLY DESIRE TO DISCUSS OUR
FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN PLAN FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS
AMONG ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THE NEXT FIVE
DAYS.

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