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UNCLAS FROM HICOMTERPACIS POLAD (TRUK). INTERIOR FOR ASST. SECRETARY LOESCH AND OFFICE OF TERRITORIES. STATE FOR IO/UNP, S/PC, L/UNA. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA. CINCPAC FOR POLAD.  
SUBJECT: TPI TERRITORIAL LIMITS

REF: (A) INTDEPT/ASPLM MESSAGE 131928Z MAY 71  
(B) HQCOMTERPACIS SAIPAN TEL 040455Z MAY 71

1. REFTEL (B) INDICATED MICRONESIAN CONCERNS EXTENDED BEYOND FISHERIES TO SEABED RESOURCES. REFTEL (A) CONCERNED ONLY FISHERIES AND ARRIVED AFTER HEARINGS IN HOUSE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (NOT RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

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COMMITTEE AS REPORTED EARLIER MESSAGE, BUT BEFORE PREPARATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND REWRITE OF S.B. 16. DURING COMMITTEE HEARING IT BECAME CLEAR THAT WHILE FISHERIES RESOURCES ARE OF IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL CONCERN, MEMBERS ARE ALSO DETERMINED ATTEMPT PROTECT SEABED RESOURCES BEYOND PRESENT THREE MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CONTINENTAL SHELF IN TRUE SENSE IN TPI, THERE ARE SOME SHOAL AREAS BETWEEN ISLANDS. IN ABSENCE GUIDANCE REFTAL (A), POLAD ( ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REP UNABLE BE PRESENT)

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EXPLAINED TO COMMITTEE, ON BASIS YOUR JANUARY 26 MESSAGE, WHY EXTENSION

TERRITORIAL LIMITS UNACCEPTABLE, AND SUGGESTED BEST THING TO DO, IN ABSENCE MORE DETAILED GUIDE LINES, WOULD BE REWRITE BILL ALONG LINES THAT WILL PROTECT RESOURCES BEYOND THREE MILES IN SAME MANNER AS SUCH ARE PROTECTED UNDER U.S. LEGISLATION, I.E. REMAIN WITHIN FRAMEWORK APPLICABLE U.S. LEGISLATION.

2. REFTEL (A) ARRIVED MAY 15 AND PASSED TO COMMITTEE COUNSEL (KALEB UDUI). UDUI IS NOW REWRITING BILL TO EXTEND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT FISHERIES ALONG LINES PROPOSED REFTEL (A), AND TO COVER SEABED RESOURCES BEYOND THREE MILE LIMIT ALONG SAME LINES AS IN U.S. CODE. FINISHED PRODUCT, UNDERCOVER COMMITTEE REPORT,

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SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE. DORRANCE.

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