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HOLDRIDGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.

SUBJECT: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS

1. AFTER MAY 21 MEETING OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS COMMITTEE,
CHAIRMAN SENATOR ALII GAVE INTERVIEW TO MNS REPORTER. FOLLOWING

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ARE KEY POINTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY SENATOR SALII.
2. DR. THOMAS GLADWIN OF HAWAII HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS CONSULTANT
TO STATUS COMMITTEE IN ADDITION PROF. DAVID ON AND PROF. MIHALY.
GLADWIN
WILL HAVE THREE MAJOR TASKS AS FOLLOWS:
A) TO ORGANIZE MEETING OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS FROM GUAM,

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HAWAII, U.S. MAINLAND, AND TTPI TO DISCUSS AN
REVIEW STATUS
QUESTION AND OFFER THEIR VIEWS ON IT.

B) ORGANIZATION OF MEETING OF MICRONESIAN TRADITIONAL CHIEFS
FOR SAME PURPOSES.

C) PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE OF A POSITION PAPER ON INDEPENDENCE, GIVING PROS AND CONS, "SO COMMITTEE CAN HAVE BALANCED VIEW OF ALL ALTERNATIVES.

3. SENATOR SALII MADE POINT THAT APPOINTMENT DR. GLADWIN DOES NOT REPEAT NOT MEAN COMMITTEE MOVING FROM FREE ASSOCIATION POSITION TO INDEPENDENCE OPTION, BUT DQS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CERTAIN PRESSURES FOR LATTER OPTION WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN CONGRESS. HE ALSO GAVE EMPHASIS TO POINT THAT INDEPENDENCE IS ONLY ALTERNATIVE

TO FREE ASSOCIATION, AND COMMITTEE MUST HAVE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING PROS AND CONS INDEPENDENCE IN EVENT COMMITTEE CANNOT OBTAIN FREE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT FROM U.S.

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4. SPEAKING OF ANTICIPATED FORTHCOMING STATUS TALK WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, SENATOR SALII INDICATED THAT FIRST STEP WILL BE TO OBTAIN NEW U.S. POSITION OR RESPONSE TO FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR STUDY BY COMMITTEE.

5. SALII INDICATED THAT COMMITTEE STILL LOOKING FOR A LEGAL CONSULTANT, AND PRESENTLY IS CONSIDERING SEVERAL POTENTIAL CANDIDATES.

6. DURING ITS MEETING COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED TO SEND CHAIRMAN ALI AN

CO-CHAIRMAN EKPAP SILK TO NEW YORK IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, HOPEFULLY IN TIME FOR TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION. THEY WILL CONTACT COMMITTEE OF 24 IN CONNECTION POSSIBLE ROLE THAT COMMITTEE IN STATUS QUESTION. ALSO WILL INTERVIEW POTENTIAL LEGAL CONSULTANTS.

7. COMMITTEE FURTHER AGREED TO SEND SENATORS NAKAYAMA (TRUK) AND LANWI (MARSHALLS) TO JAPAN FOR INFORMAL OR "UNOFFICIAL" DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE ON POSSIBLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND MICRONESIA UNDER BOTH FREE ASSOCIATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

8. DR. GLADWIN ALSO PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW. HE INDICATED THAT HE WILL RETURN TO HONOLULU MAY 22 AND WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT

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MICRONESIAN STUDENTS FRANCISCO ULUDONG (UNIV. OF HAWAII) IN ORDER ORGANIZE EARLY MEETING OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ON STATUS QUESTION.

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HE HOPES RETURN TTPI AT LATER DATE TO MEET WITH CHIEF PETRUS OF TRUK AND ORGANIZE MEETING OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS.
9. GLADWIN DESCRIBED HIS ROLE AS ADVISOR TO TRUK DELEGATION AS BEING AN ADVOCATE AND ANALYST OF INDEPENDENCE OPTION. HE SAID HE WILL NOT BE AN INDEPENDENCE ADVOCATE WHILE WORKING WITH STATUS COMMITTEE, BUT RATHER WILL HELP ANALYZE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES ON INDEPENDENCE. DORRANCE.

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