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REF :

1. Reporting from Truk during the Congressional Special Session there noted the circulation in the Congress of a document titled "Platform and Legislative Priorities of the Micronesian Independence Coalition." Dr. Thomas Gladwin, adviser to the Trukese Delegation, states that it is in fact a draft for study and comment by the members of the coalition. Gladwin authored the document.

2. A copy of that document is enclosed.

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Enclosure: Draft independence platform

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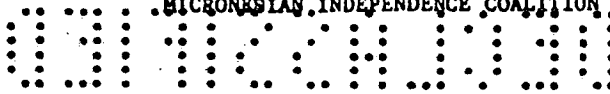
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PLATFORM AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE
MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENCE COALITION



FOR

AGAINST

POLITICAL

Complete self-government for Micronesia with no foreign ties which will limit this (examples: foreign aid, foreign capital).

Laws or policies which will bind Micronesia more closely to the U.S. (example: special TT tariff exemptions by U.S.) or make government unnecessarily complex and expensive.

Decentralization of government wherever possible, especially preserving local Micronesian customs in land, selection of leaders, law and order, etc.

Any laws which impose foreign systems or values from above (example: TT-wide land laws based on U.S. laws).

Complete control and retention of all land by Micronesians.

Right of eminent domain, military bases and military retention land.

Strong continuing political education at all levels, including a public information system controlled by the Congress of Micronesia.

Policy control by foreigners of any information or education programs.

ECONOMIC

Immediate development of an economic master plan pointing toward a simple, primarily subsistence ^{economy}, to be used thereafter for setting all development priorities.

All consumer luxuries, all large commercial enterprises dealing primarily in imported goods.

Licensing and heavy excise taxes to curb non-productive imports.

Development emphasis on simple, low-capital technologies and products, principally to serve local needs and substitute for imports, in accordance with the above plan.

Capital-intensive development programs (example: large sea-going fishing boats).

Immediate ban on any new luxury tourist hotels in Micronesia.

Foreign-controlled tourism.

Replacement of foreigners by Micronesians in the civil service as soon as Micronesians become available for any given position.

Any further increase in government pay scales.

EDUCATION

Greater emphasis on high quality elementary education.

Americanized curriculum, especially in high schools.

New education programs based on local Micronesian needs and values. Schools to be used for political education.

Clarification in the schools of American values and forms of government.

Any censorship or ban on political activity in the schools.

Use of education funds for on-the-job training as well as in-school programs, related to priority manpower needs.

Vocational training in skill areas not related to priority manpower needs.