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SUBJ: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF TTPI

1. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TODAY CONCLUDED QUESTIONING ON TTPI WITH SOV DEL. ONLY QUESTION OF SOV DEALING DIRECTLY WITH FUTURE STATUS QUESTION WAS IF US INTENDS TO CHANGE POSITION IN FUTURE STATUS DISCUSSIONS AND GRANT FULL SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE. SOV DEL STATED DISCUSSIONS HAD RACHED DEADLOCK, MICRONESIAN REPS WANTED COMPLETE INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND THAT COMMONWEALTH PROPOSAL IN EFFECT EQUAL TOTAL US DOMINATION. RECALLING HIS STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY, FINGER RESPONDED THAT US WOULD HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER AND THE TA, THAT THE TALKS WERE NOT DEADLOCKED, AND THAT US DID NOT AND WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT.

2. COUNCIL ALSO HEARD THREE PETITIONERS FROM MARIANAS. PRES SANTOS OF DISTRICT LEGISLATURE DISCUSSED LAND QUESTION IN GENERAL AND RESPONDED TO AUSTRALIAN QUESTION THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF OUTSTANDING LAND DISPUTES WOULD BE SETTLED WITH US LEGISLATION DEALING WITH "POST-SECURE" CLAIMS. MUNA, MEMBER DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, SPOKE ON SENTIMENTS IN DISTRICT FOR COMMONWEALTH STATUS WITH US AND SECESSION RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. JESUS

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RAFNAS OF TERR PARTY SPOKE FOR THOSE OPPOSED TO POSITION OF DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND STATED THAT SECESSION RESOLUTION CLEARLY WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT OF MARIANAS AND WAS ILLEGAL AND ILL-CONSIDERED.

3. COUNCIL PRESIDENT LANEI OF UK SAID COUNCIL MINDFUL OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO OVERSEE TTP1'S DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMED THEM THAT TERRITORY'S PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION SHOULD BE IN FRAMEWORK OF PEACEFUL EVOLUTION. SOV DEL ESCHEWED ANY QUESTIONING OF PETITIONERS ON STATUS QUESTION BUT STATED HE WISHED TO DEFER COMMENT ON WRITTEN PETITIONS (T/PET. 10/66 AND 67) UNTIL LATER DATE.

4. COMMENT: APPEARS SOV DEL RESERVING COMMENT AND CRITICISM OF US POSITION ON STATUS QUESTION UNTIL GENERAL DEBATED STATEMENT NEXT WEEK. DECONTROL AFTER ONE YEAR.
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