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1. The referenced airgram provided a copy of the draft platform of the Independence Coalition formed during the Congressional Special Session in Truk. Enclosed under cover of this airgram is the "Platform and Program of the Micronesian Independence Advocates." The "Micronesian Independence Advocates" is an organization of Micronesian students, mainly at the University of Hawaii, but also at the University of Guam, and in a few high schools in the TTPI. The organization is "dedicated to work toward the independence of all Micronesia from the United States of America." Total membership is unknown, but believed to be no more than several dozen students. It was apparently set up early this year by Francisco Uludong (University of Hawaii) who also drafted the "Program and Platform" with the assistance of Dr. Thomas Gladwin.

2. It will be recalled from other reports that Dr. Gladwin has been hired as a consultant to the Future Political Status Committee of the Congress of Micronesia, and that he is organizing a conference of Micronesian students, through Francisco Uludong, to consider and make recommendations on the status question.

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Enclosure (1) "Platform and Program of the Micronesian Independence Advocates"

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PLATFORM and PROGRAM
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MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENCE ADVOCATES - 6/2/71

The Micronesian Independence Advocates is a nationalistic, political organization dedicated to work towards the independence of all Micronesia from the United States of America. We have as our political base the young people of Micronesia, including Micronesian students abroad. We support all organizations and political leaders who want independence for Micronesia and share our goals.

1. WE WANT OUR SOVEREIGNTY ACKNOWLEDGED.

Before any whiteman set foot on our islands, we were independent and sovereign. For over four hundred years, Micronesia has been ruled and dominated by peoples from distant, foreign lands without our consent. None of the four nations, Spain, Germany, Japan, and the United States, who have occupied Micronesia, have ever considered our islands as belonging to us. We declare that the sovereignty of Micronesia has always resided in the people of Micronesia and we want our whiteman masters to acknowledge this non-negotiable and inalienable right.

2. WE WANT UNITY OF ALL MICRONESIA.

Since our "discovery" by the whiteman, we have come to share a common history. Spain brought us Christianity; Germany brought us copra and currency; Japan fortified our islands and brought upon us the war; and now the United States is making brown-skinned whitemen out of us! As a result of these unfortunate events in our history, we have come to share unity in experience and to live under one political entity. The Congress of Micronesia and other Micronesian institutions have demonstrated that we can work together toward common good. In political terms, a united independent Micronesia is more powerful than six divided and separate independent districts.

3. WE WANT TO PRESERVE TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS OF MICRONESIA.

Despite foreign domination Micronesia has managed to survive all these years. Micronesia has survived because she has not allowed herself to be totally prostituted by foreign cultural imports. Our survival has also been possible in part due to the importance that every culture in Micronesia attaches to the personal, rather than impersonal relationships. In today's technological world, it is essential that we preserve all traditions and customs that enhance these personal relationships.

4. WE WANT THE LANDS OF MICRONESIA RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE.

In many communities of Micronesia today, much of our land is not controlled by the people. We want all land, public domain and military

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retention, returned immediately to the people. And since land forms the foundation of our cultures, we believe in the preservation of local, traditional land tenure systems where they exist. We are opposed to the present land cadastex program because we believe that it only individualize and alienate our lands. We support banning sales of lands to foreigners and among Micronesians and the establishment of land lease systems.

5. WE WANT A NATIONAL CONSTITUTION PROMULGATED BY OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND ADOPTED BY OUR PEOPLE.

For all these centuries that we have been occupied, we have been ruled by laws we did not make. Now we want to make our own laws under which we will be governed. Our people should elect representatives to propose a constitution which will be adopted by all the people. The constitution should reflect the customs and traditions of our cultures..

6. WE WANT A GOVERNMENT THAT GIVES POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

In establishing our government, we want the type of government that will give strong voice to the people. We believe that each district should control its own internal affairs without interference from the national government except in the violation of human rights. The powers of the national government should be limited to affairs affecting two or more districts. We support a national executive council on a district basis and a one house national legislative body on population basis.

7. WE WANT AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM SUITED AND RELEVANT TO MICRONESIA.

In recent history of Micronesia, especially during the American occupation, we have had educational systems aimed at divorcing Micronesians from our island societies and cultures. We support an educational system that enhances our customs and traditions and is oriented to the physical circumstances and realities of Micronesia. We want a system that promotes and protects communalism rather than individualism.

8. WE WANT MICRONESIA TO CONTROL ITS OWN ECONOMY.

The real independence of Micronesia will ultimately depend on who controls her economy. Micronesia must control its economy. We want a system of economics based not on individual but group profits. We support all cooperative, community-owned and operated business enterprises. We oppose all foreign enterprises that are not controlled and operated by Micronesians. We prefer a subsistent but independent economy to a remotely-controlled economy. In developing our economy we must primarily depend on ourselves and our own resources.

9. WE ARE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION.

Micronesia, like many other Third World countries, have been oppressed for centuries. We oppose any form of oppression, economic or racist,

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within and outside of Micronesia and support all peoples fighting against any oppression. We are opposed to any military use of Micronesia by any action for any purpose.

10. WE WANT FELLOW MICRONESIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON GUAM AND THE GILBERTS TO BECOME PART OF AN INDEPENDENT AND UNITED MICRONESIA.

We consider Guamanians and Gilbertese as fellow brothers and sisters. We support their fight to break their respective colonial bondages and want them to join us in a united, independent Micronesia.

11. WE WANT FRIENDSHIPS OF ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

Micronesians have made no enemies of any people in the world. We want to extend a hand of friendship and brotherhood to any people who wants a decent, humane world. We are willing to trade and exchange knowledge with any nation as long as our independence and sovereignty are not compromised. We will accept any assistance from any nation and people or group of nations.

12. WE BELIEVE THAT NON-VIOLENCE IS THE ONLY MEANS TO OUR LIBERATION AND ATTAINMENT OF OUR INDEPENDENCE.

Micronesia is too small and has a very small population. We do not hold that liberation and independence of Micronesia can be won through means other than non-violence. We value every Micronesian life to afford its destruction for our cause or any other cause.

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