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SUBJ: INVITATION TO COMITE OF 24

1. AMB BENNETT, US REP TO TC, MET WITH CHRMN OF COMITE OF 24 AMB NAVA CARILLO (VENEZUELA), TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF INVITATION TO VISIT TTPI. BENNETT REFERRED TO US POSITION ON COMPETENCE OF GA REGARDING STRATEGIC TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS MOST RECENTLY REITERATED IN NOTE INFORMING CHRMN OF COMITE OF 24 OF EXTENT TO WHICH US WOULD PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE WORK OF COMITE OF 24. BENNETT SAID US POSITION BASED ON OUR VIEW THAT PREROGATIVES OF SC, OF WHICH WE PERMANENT MEMBER, COULD NOT BE ENCRDACHED UPON BY OTHER BODIES OF UN. WE WOULD OBJECT TO ANY BODY BUT SC AND TC WHICH WAS CHARGED WITH SUCH RESPONSIBILITY BY SC SEEKING TO ASSERT JURISDICTION IN CONNECTION US ADMINISTRATION OF TTPI. BENNETT INFORMED NAVA CARILLO THAT MICRONESIA SENATE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF OUR POSITION BEFORE IT ADOPTED RES EXTENDING INVITATION TO COMITE OF 24. THIS HAD BEEN RESTATED ONLY LAST WEEK IN FORMAL LTR FROM STATE DEPT TO CLERK OF SENATE AFTER HIGH LEVEL REVIEW. THUS, US DECISION NOT TO ACCEPT A MISSION FROM COMITE OF 24 WOULD NOT COME AS SURPRISE TO COMITE.

2. NAVA CARILLO SAID IN HIS OPINION US POSITION THAT ONLY SC HAD COMPETNECE WAS INCORRECT. HE BELIEVED SC RESPON- SIBILITY LIMITED TO "STRATEGIC" ASPECTS OF US ADMINISTRATION, AND THAT GA, AS UN'S HIGHEST BODY, WAS COMPETENT UNDER CHARTER

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TO INVESTIGATE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ALL TRUST TERRITORIES, INCLUDING TTPI. BENNETT SAID US INTERPRETATION OF CHARTER, CONSISTENTLY AND FIRMLY FOLLOWED SINCE SIGNATURE OF TRUST AGREEMENT WITH SC IN 1947, WAS THAT LANGUAGE OF ART 83 PERFECTLY CLEAR IN STATING "ALL FUNCTIONS OF UN RELATING TO STRATEGIC AREAS . . . SHALL BE EXERCISED BY SC."

3. NAVA CARILLO SAID HE WAS UNDER OBLIGATION TO INFORM MEMBERS OF COMITE OF 24 OF US POSITION. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ASKED IF HE COULD BE PROVIDED COPY OF LTR TO CLERK OF SENATE, IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT APPROSE COMITE OF GROUNDS FOR US POSITION. HE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH RECEIPT SUCH LTR ON PERSONAL BASIS FROM BENNETT, NOT FOR OFFICIAL TRANSMISSION TO COMITE. BENNETT SAID HE WOULD ASK DEPT IF IT WOULD AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF TEXT OF LTR.

4. TURNING TO QUESTION OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION OF COMITE OF 24 IN PERIODIC TC VISITING MISSIONS TO TTPI, NAVA CARILLO CITED PRECEDENT OF PARTICIPATION IN 1971 MISSION TO NEW GUINEA OF TWO MEMBERS OF COMITE OF 24. BENNETT AND MISOFF TOLD CHRMN THAT 1) NEW GUINEA CASE DID NOT CONSTITUTE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE TTPI VISITING MISSIONS; 2) PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS OF TC IN NEW GUINEA MISSION WAS NOT IN THEIR CAPACITY AS MEMBERS OF COMITE OF 24; 3) USG WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY NOT BE WILLING TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF ANY FUTURE MISSION TO TTPI; 4) USG MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE WILLING CONSIDER INCLUSION ON NON-MEMBERS OF TC IN SUCH FUTURE MISSION, AND IN EVENT SUCH INCLUSION SC MEMBERSHIP WOULD APPEAR BE MOST LIKELY SOURCE SUCH PARTICIPANTS.

5. REQUEST PERMISSION RELEASE COPY OF DE PALMA LTR TO CLERK OF SENATE TO CHRMN OF COMITE OF 24 ON BASIS OUTLINED IN PARA 3.
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