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SUBJ: DISCUSSION OF FREE ASSOCIATION IN TO 7 ..

1. QUESTION OF US POSITION ON FREE ASSOCIATION WAS DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING TO CONSIDERATION OF: TTPI. DURINGQUESTIONING BY MEMBERS, USSR ASKED FOLLOWING: QUESTION: "DOES US INTEND: IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS TO CHANGE TTS POST TOOK AND MEET REQUIREMENTS: OF MICRONESIANS? THAT IS TO SAY, DOES US INTENDETO GIVE FULL SELF-BOVERNMENT OR INDÉPENCENCE TO MICRONESIANS? US REP LAMB FINGER : REPLIED AS FOLLOWS TUNNECESSARY WORDS OMMETED ! "FIRST, TO FINSWER QUESTION, I STATED YESTERDAY THAT THE US WOULD HONOUR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER CHARTER WITH RESPECT TO SELF GOVERNMENT FOR MICRONESIA - AND I READ RELEVANT PROVISION OF CHARTER. THESE TALKS ARE NOT AT A DEADLOCK AND US HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION ON THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MICRONESTA HI SHOULD LIKE READ BRIEFLY FROM STATEMENT OF MR. HARUD MADE HERE A FEW DAYS AGOU WHICH I THINK GIVES A REPRESENTATIVE MICRONESIAN POINT OF VIEW. MR. HARUO

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SAID- AND HE IS HERE TO CORRECT ME IF I MISINTERPRET IN ANY WAY: "THE PREDOMINANT FEELING AMONGST MY COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS MICRONESIA IS THAT MICRONESIA HAS REACHED CRUCIAL POINT IN HER HISTORY. SOON SHE MUST DECIDE HER STATUS IN RELATION TO OTHER MEMBERS OF WORLD COMMUNITY. BUT WHILE WE ARE INEXORABLE BROUGHT EVER CLOSER TO THAT FATEFUL DAY IN TIME AND EVENTS, WE DO NOT WISH TO BE PUSHED TO QUICKLY INTO THAT POSITION WITHOUT BEING ABLE CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE MANY FACETS AND CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH MOVE. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION ON OUR POLITICAL STATUS IS MADE, MICRONESIA BECOMES TRULY PREPARED TO EXERCISE HE OPTIONS. WITH HELP AND GUIDANCE THIS COUNCIL AND ASSISTANCE OF US, IT SI TO BE HOPED THAT A NEW VITALITY AND A SENSE OF RENEWED DIDICATION CAN BE FOUND IN OUR CONTINUING PROGRAMMES OF EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, AQUA-CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE RESULT, IN END, SHOULD BE TO LEAD US EVER CLOSER TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT DUR OBJECTIVES OF SELF-HELP AND SELF-SURRICIENCY, AND OF OUR POLITICAL GOAL SELF-GOVERNMENT. THOSE ARE WORDS OF RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF MICRONESIAN PEOPLE.

"SENATOR TUN, IN HIS PRESENTATION, RECALLED FOR US STATUS COMMISSION OF MICRONESIA RECOMMENDED: 'THAT MICRO-NESIA SHOULD SEEK A REFINED BUT CONTINUING CLOSE RELATION-SHIP WITH US...' AND THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS MICRONESIA.

"JUST WHAT THAT RELATIONSHIP WILL BE, OF COURSE, IS NOT YET CLEAR. I DO NOT THINK EITHER SIDE IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON OTHER. BUT THERE ARE FURTHER POINTS TO BE CLARIFIED 4.D. AS SENATOR TUN POINTED OUT, THIS IS NOT MATTER OF SMALL IMPORTANCE: IT IS FUTURE OF A WHOLE PEOPLE. CONSEQUENTLY, I FEEL THAT BOTH SIDES ARE PROCEEDING WITHOUT DELAY AS RAPIDLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW, BUT ON OTHER HAND WITHOUT UNDUE HASTE."

2. USSR REP REPEATED HIS QUESTION AS FOLLOWS: "IS IT PART OF PLANS OR INTENTIONS OF US, AT ANY TIME IN FUTURE, TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO MICRONESIA? I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPLY TO THIS QUESTION. IS IT PART OF PLANS OF US TO DO THIS? AMB FINGER REPLIED FURTHER: "I APOLOGIZE TO COUNCIL FOR REPEATING THIS FOR THIRD TIME, BUT I BELIEVE IT



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SHOULD ANSWER QUESTION. THE US WILL FULFILL ENTIRELY ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 76 (B) OF CHARTER, AND IF I NEED TO READ TEXT OF THAT ARTICLE, IT IS: 'TO PROMOTE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF INHABITANTS OF TRUST TERRITORIES, AND THEIR PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS SELF-GOVERNEMTN OR INDEPENDENCE AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH TERRITORY AND ITS PEOPLES AND FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF PEOPLES CONCERNED, AND AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY TERMS OF EACH TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

"AS I SAY, THERE IS NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT THIS IS INTENTION OF USG. WHAT FORM OF SELF-GOVERNEMNT WILL BE IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR CHARTER OBLIGATIONS IS, OF COURSE, A SUBJECT MATTER TO DISCUSSION AND NEGOTATIONS." EXEMPT. PHILLIPS