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SUBJECT: Japanese Inquiry About Micronesia

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1. During call on IO/UNP Director Armitage on other matter, Japanese Emboffs [] asked if there had been organizational changes in USG offices handling Micronesian affairs. Armitage explained that special Office had been created within office of SecINT which would be in charge of negotiations concerning the future status of Micronesia. Armitage added that office would be headed by Ambassador Williams and that Ambassador Hummel would be designated as his alter ego to direct work of office in Washington.

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DISTRIBUTION	<p style="text-align: center;">ACTION: TOKYO PAGE 2</p> <p>Armitage asked Emboffs to hold ^{letter} info closely since Hummel's appointment had not yet been announced.</p> <p>2. In response to question from [redacted] about visit of Micronesia del to Japan, Armitage read from statement made by Senator Nakayama on his return (ref tel).</p> <p>Armitage then asked [redacted] for comment about reported GOJ view that economic assistance might be forthcoming if Micronesia were either independent or loosely tied to US.</p> <p>[redacted] did not think this represented any change in GOJ policy but said that some Japanese officials might have made statements that foreign aid only available to independent countries according to Japanese law. He explained that, for technical reasons involving language used in GOJ aid regulations, it is procedurally easier to offer assistance to independent country than dependent territory. He emphasized that this was, however, technicality</p>		
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and not reflection of GOJ policy. Armitage said that, if GOJ officials had left an impression along the lines of Nakayama's statement, it would tend to give Micronesians an added stake in loosening their ties with U.S. As we had stated earlier to Japanese Embassy, we considered U.S.-Japanese security interests in the area were mutual ones and would best be served by continued U.S. association with Micronesia. [] expressed general agreement and said he would check further. In second meeting on July 14, Japanese Emboff [] said he found Nakayama statement "very embarrassing" but said Foreign Office had no way to control what others, e.g. Trade Ministry, had told Micronesian Del during its visit. He offered to request clarification from his Ministry.

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3. For Tokyo: Would appreciate Embassy views on likely GOJ reaction.

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4. For ~~Seison~~: Can you give us indication of impact of Nakayama statement on Micronesian attitudes toward political status.

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