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NOW BELIEVE! JMAIN PROBLEM

WITH RESPECT RESOLUTION STATUS QUESTION "NO LONGER U.S. BUT

PAGE THO RUHUOSA7915 C O N F I D E N T I A L RATHER DREAMERS IN CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING SOME ON STATUS COMMITTEE . HE SAID NUMBER MEMBERS: SIMPLY UNABLE COMPREHEND PROBLEMS OF TOO LOOSE OR NO ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. (PARTICULARLY FINANCIAL FAND ARE "COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC WITH REGARD MICRONESIA'S ECONOMIC_POTENTIAL . " BAID PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MOST OF POSITION PAPERS UNDER PREPARATION FOR STATUS COMMITTEE USE IS TO BRING HOME "ECONOMIC FACTS OF LIFE" TO DREAMERS ON STATUS COMMITTEE AND IN CONGRESS. HE MENTIONED THAT POSITION PAPERS COVER SUCH: SUBJECTS AS INTERNAL SECURITY REDUIREMENTS AND COSTS (INCLUDING FOR COAST GUARD

TYPE PATROL VESSELS NECESSARY SHOULD MICRONESIA BE INDEPENDENT),



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POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE INTERNAL FORMS: OF GOVERNMENT, POSSIBLE EXTERNAL, RELATIONSHIPS UNDER EITHER FREE ASSOCIATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND ASSOCIATED POSSIBLE COSTS.

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BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS ASSUMING VARIOUS LEVELS OF SERVICES AND OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS:

UP TO FORCEFUL CASE FOR ASSOCIATION WITH U. S. ONLY POSITION PAPER HE WOULD DISCUSS IN ANY DETAIL WAS THAT ON COST OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

THAT PAPER INDICATES THAT, IF ALL

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS IMMEDIATELY HALTED BUT PRESENT LEVEL
OF SERVICES CONTINUED, ANNUAL BUDGET WOULD STILL BE IN
NEIGHBORNOOD \$25 MILLION, "AND THIS ASSUMES REMOVAL OF MANY
EXPENSIVE AMERICANS." LOOKING AHEAD AND ASSUMING PROJECTIONS FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH 1977 IMPLEMENTED, SIMPLE MAINTENANCE
OF SERVICES FROM 1977 ONWARD WOULD THEN REQUIRE ANNUAL BUDGET IN
NEIGHBORHOOD \$40 TO \$50 MILLION.
3. MANY OF THESE PAPERS, AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, PREPARED BY TTPI
ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES FOR STATUS COMMITTEE WITH CONSENT OF HICOM.
HOWEVER, PAPERS RECEIVING NO RPT NO DISTRIBUTION WITHIN
ADMINISTRATION
AND BEING PASSED DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

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4. IT DOES OCCUR TO ME THAT, ASIDE FROM RECEIVING COPIES OF POSITION PAPERS PREPARED FOR STATUS COMMITTEE, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DESIRABLE TO HAVE SIMILAR PAPERS PREPARED FOR AMBASSADOR HILLIAMS, PARTICULARLY ON BUDGETARY QUESTIONS.

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5. IF PAPERS ON THESE AND OTHER TOPICS DESIRED FROM TTPI ADMINISTRATION, REQUEST FOR SUCH SHOULD BE MADE TO HICOM BY CLASSIFIED TELEGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. MESSAGE PREPARED AUGUST 6. DORRANCE.

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