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HICOMTERPACIS POLAD 32 - INTERIOR FOR OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS
NEGOIATIONS. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. STATE FOR IO/UNP
AND S/PC. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRIGE (NSC).
SUBJ: MICRONESIAN FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS
1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT SEP 18 EDITORIAL IN GUAM PACIFIC DAILY
NEWS. COMMENT FOLLOWS IN CLASSIFIED SEPTEL.
"WHO GIVES A DAMN... MICRONESIANS WILL BE SHOCKED AND WE'RE A
LITTLE SADDENED BY FORMER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR WALTER J. HICKEL'S
NEW BOOK, "WHO OWNS AMERICAN?" PUBLISHED BY PRENTICE-HALL AND JUST
NOW ON SALE. THE BOOK IS MAINLY A MEMOIR, SPRINKLED WITH INSIDE TYPE
STATEMENTS. BUT THERE IS ONE QUOTE THAT WILL JAR THE PEOPLE OF

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MICRONESIA (IF TRUE) AS IT DOES US. A REPORT ON THE BOOK CAME OUT OF
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SERVICE YESTERDAY. IT QUOTES NATIONAL SECURITY
ADVISER HENRY M. KISSINGER, ARGUING AGAINST A PLEDGE OF FULL COM-
PENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FROM RESIDENTS OF THE U.S. TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC: "THERE ARE ONLY 90,000 PEOPLE OUT THERE. WHO GIVES
A DAMN?" WELL, MR. KISSINGER. WE GIVE A DAMN. WE HAPPEN TO THINK
THAT REGARDLESS IF IT IS FIVE PEOPLE, A HUNDRED PEOPLE, 90,000
OR 10,000,000, THEY ARE ALL PEOPLE, AND WE, AS AMERICANS SHOULD BE
CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR WELFARE. IT'S DISQUIETING BECAUSE WE CAN
IMAGINE THAT IT'S TRUE. THE QUOTE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY MADE IN A HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL SESSION, AND CERTAINLY KISSINGER DIDN'T IMAGINE THAT

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IT WOULD EVER BE AIRED IN THE PRESS. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS PROBABLY THE WAY MANY AMERICANS, EVEN THOSE IN HIGH PLACES, THINK ABOUT THOSE OF US LIVING OUT IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC. IT COULD HAVE BEEN JUST AS EASILY SAID ABOUT GUAM. "WHO GIVES A DAMN. THERE ARE ONLY 100,000 PEOPLE ON GUAM." WHAT HE IS SAYING ACTUALLY, IS THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS POLITICALLY ORIENTED. THAT FLESH AND BLOOD AND TEARS AND SWEAT REALLY DON'T MATTER. ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS TO MEN AT THE TOP OF THE POWER CLIQUE IS THAT VOTE, AND IT TAKES MILLIONS OF VOTES TO RETAIN THE PRESIDENCY.

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MICRONESIANS SHOULD MATTER TO MR. KISSINGER IF HE WOULD LOOK BACK THROUGH HIS HISTORY AND READ ABOUT THE BLOODY WAR THAT WAS FOUGHT OVER THESE ISLANDS. MICRONESIANS SHOULD MATTER BECAUSE IT APPEARS THAT THESE ISLANDS ARE OUR LAST FRONTIER IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, OUR LAST OUTPOST AND WE ARE IN SERIOUS DANGER OF LOSING THE ISLANDS, JUST BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE MR. KISSINGER. MICRONESIA SHOULD MATTER TO MR. KISSINGER BECAUSE THE ISLANDS SIT IN THE MIDDLE OF A VAST OCEAN AREA ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES, AN AREA FILLED WITH FISH, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES. BUT MOST OF ALL, MICRONESIA SHOULD MATTER BECAUSE OF THOSE 90,000 PEOPLE. THESE ARE WONDERFUL, WARM, FRIENDLY PEOPLE. PEOPLE WHO THINK, AND FEEL AND HAVE CHILDREN AND WORRY AND WORK—JUST AS DO THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. OR SAN CLEMENTE.
WE HERE ON GUAM CARE, BECAUSE WE SEE THE MICRONESIANS AS BROTHERS, AS NEIGHBORS AND AS REAL PEOPLE WHO SHARE OUR DREAMS FOR A PEACEFUL PROSPEROUS HAPPY WORLD. WE KNOW THAT THE DAY IS COMING PERHAPS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS WHEN THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WILL GO TO THE POLLS TO VOTE UPON THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE. AND WE KNOW THAT STATEMENTS LIKE MR. KISSINGER'S COULD WELL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR IN HOW THEY VOTE. WE JUST WANT MICRONESIA TO KNOW, THOUGH, THAT NOT ALL AMERICANS

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WOULD VOICE THE FEELINGS OF MR. KISSINGER, OR THE OHIO CONGRESSMAN THAT SUGGESTED LETTING THE ISLANDS SINK. MOST AMERICANS BELIEVE IN THE HUMANITY OF MANKIND. THEY BELIEVE IN FREEDOM. AND THEY CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE MICRONESIANS.

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WE'RE SURE THAT IF MR. KISSINGER FEELS THE NEED, HE WILL DENY HE EVER MADE SUCH A STATEMENT, OR AT LEAST HE WILL RELATE HIS VERSION OF THE INCIDENT IN COMPLETE CONTEXT. ALL THAT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW IS THAT SOME OF THE MICRONESIAN RADICALS WILL CAPITALIZE ON FORMER SECRETARY HICKEL'S BOOK, AND KISSINGER'S ALLEGED REMARK, AND IT CERTAINLY IS GOING TO HURT THE IMAGE OF ALL AMERICANS IN THE PACIFIC. THAT IS A SHAME."

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