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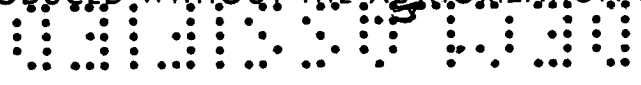
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AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS SENDS
1. THERE FOLLOW IN ORDER THE TEXTS OF (A) PRESS RELEASE
OF MICRONESIAN DELEGATION ISSUED IN HANA, MAUI OCTOBER 10;
(B) PRESS RELEASE OF MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TELEPHONED TO
MNS IN SAIPAN OCTOBER OCTOBER 10; AND (C) PRESS RELEASE IS-
SUED BY U.S. DELEGATION IN HANA, MAUI, OCTOBER 10;

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A. QUOTE: "HANA, MAUI -OCTOBER 10- THE NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE FUTURE POLI-
TICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA ARE NOW A WEEK OLD AND MICRO-
NESIAN DELEGATION HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE WAY THEY
HAVE PROGRESSED.
"WE ARE QUITE ENCOURAGED BY THE WAY THIS THIRD
ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PROGRESSED TO DATE. "SENATOR
LAZARUS SALII, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MIRONESIAN JOINT COM-
MITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, STATED IN THE FIRST PUBLIC STATE-
MENT MADE BY EITHER SIDE SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN
OCTOBER 4 HERE IN HANA, MAUI.
"SINCE 1969 WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED," SALII
EMPHASIZED, "THE UNITED STATES HAS COME A LONG WAY IN

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UNDERSTANDING THE CONCERNS OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARDS LANDS, CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS AND GREATER RESPECT FOR THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF MICRONESIA.

"WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT SOME BROAD AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE STATUS WILL BE REACHED ON THE BASIS OF THE FOUR PRINCIPLES AUTHORIZED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR ANY MICRONESIAN SELF-GOVERNMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE

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UNITED STATES." UNQUOTE

B. QUOTE: WE, THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION, ARE QUITE ENCOURAGED AT THE WAY THIS THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS PROGRESSED TO DATE.

"SINCE 1969 WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED, THE UNITED STATES HAS COME A LONG WAY IN UNDERSTANDING THE CONCERNS OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARDS LAND, CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS AND GREATER RESPECT FOR THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF MICRONESIA.

"WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT SOME BROAD AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE STATUS WILL BE REACHED ON THE BASIS OF THE FOUR PRINCIPLES AUTHORIZED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR ANY MICRONESIAN SELF-GOVERNMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

C. QUOTE: HANA, MAUI, HAWAII-- MICRONESIAN AND UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS MOVED INTO THE SECOND WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS SUNDAY, WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE TWO GROUPS IN AGREEMENT THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON MANY ISSUES, BUT THERE ARE STILL AREAS REQUIRING FURTHER DISCUSSION AND, EVENTUALLY, CONSULATION IN MICRONESIA AND IN WASHINGTON

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BEFORE A FINAL SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

"SENATOR LAZARUS SALII IS CHAIRMAN OF THE 12-MEMBER MICRONESIAN DELEGATION, WITH REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK SERVING AS CO-CHAIRMAN. THE 8-MAN U.S. DELEGATION IS HEADED BY AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT NIXON.

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"THE TWO GROUPS ARRIVED IN HANA OCTOBER 3 AND NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN THE FOLLOWING DAY. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS WOULD NOT PREDICT HOW LONG THE MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE. THERE WAS NO FORMAL MEETING SUNDAY, THOUGH POSITION PAPERS WERE BEING PASSED AND BOTH GROUPS WERE PREPARING PAPERS FOR MONDAY'S SESSION.

"AGREEMENTS REACHED HERE WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN MICRONESIA AND WASHINGTON BEFORE ANY COMPACT CAN BE SIGNED, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS NOTED.

"THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION CONSISTS OF TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S SIX DISTRICTS. THE U.S. DELEGATION CONTAINS, IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR

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WILLIAMS, FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, TWO FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND ONE FROM THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. UNQUOTE.

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