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UNCLAS. FROM POLAD 42. INTERIOR FOR OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND ASST SECRETARY LOESCH. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC (GRANT). DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR HOLDRIDGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD
SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS
1. TODAY RECEIVED COPY OF STATEMENT BY SENATOR NAKAYAMA ENTITLED "HANA POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS: A REPORT TO THE INDEPENDENCE COALITION." REPORT DATED OCTOBER 20; UNDERSTAND IT IS BEING RELEASED TO TTPI NEWS MEDIA SOMETIME EARLY NEXT WEEK. FULL TEXT (LESS UNNECESSARY WORDS) FOLLOWS.

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2. DURING RECENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN HAWAII, MICRONESIANS AND AMERICANS FOR FIRST TIME TALKED SERIOUSLY ABOUT NUMBER OF ISSUES AFFECTING FUTURE OF MICRONESIA. IN EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS POSITIONS OF TWO SIDES WERE SO FAR APART THAT REAL DISCUSSION WAS IMPOSSIBLE.
3. BOTH SIDES MADE CONCESSIONS, AND SOME AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED, ALTHOUGH NOTHING WAS SETTLED IN FINAL WAY. MORE IMPORTANT THAN DETAILED AGREEMENTS OR DISAGREEMENTS, HOWEVER, WERE BASIC POSITIONS TAKEN BY EACH SIDE. LOOKED AT IN THIS LARGER WJY, WE ARE ALMOST AS FAR APART AS EVER. IN HIS OPENING

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STATEMENT OUR CHAIRMAN, SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, SAID, "WE ARE HERE TO SECURE INDEPENDENCE FOR OUR PEOPLE. WE ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS WHEREIN THAT INDEPENDENCE HAS MINOR LIMITATIONS PLACED UPON IT--LIMITATIONS AS CONTAINED IN FREE ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING MORE LIMITING ARRANGEMENTS."

4. IN ITS REPLY, HOWEVER, UNITED STATES INSISTED ON SEVERAL ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS. MOST BASIC WAS REJECTION OF CENTRAL PRINCIPLE OF FREE ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS THAT ITS

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FREEDOM, AND THEREFORE FREEDOM OF MICRONESIA, BE GUARANTEED BY RIGHT OF EITHER SIDE TO TERMINATE ASSOCIATION UNILATERALLY. THE AMERICANS, IN OTHER WORDS, WERE DEMANDING RIGHT TO CONTROL MICRONESIA'S FUTURE FOREVER. IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF ITS PROMISE UNDER UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED PERMANENTLY TO DENY MICRONESIA ITS FREEDOM.

5. THIS IS NOT ALL. AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS SAID U.S. WILL NOT PERMIT MICRONESIA TO LIMIT IMPORTS FROM UNITED STATES, OR ENTRY OF U.S. CITIZENS TO MICRONESIA. WITHOUT THESE POWERS MICRONESIA, A VERY SMALL COUNTRY, WILL BE HELPLESS TO CONTROL ITS OWN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. TOURISTS AND TOURIST HOTELS WILL TURN OUR ISLANDS INTO LITTLE WAIKIKIS, DRIVING US AS THEY HAVE HAWAIIANS AWAY FROM OUR OWN LANDS. AMERICANS SAID ALSO THAT ALTHOUGH MICRONESIANS COULD CONSIDER THEMSELVES CITIZENS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY WHILE AT HOME, ANYWHERE ELSE IN WORLD THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE U.S. NATIONALS. THEY ALSO SAID MICRONESIA WOULD NOT BE GIVEN ANY CONTROL OR EVEN VETO POWER OVER ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES; AMERICANS WOULD MAKE ALL THE DECISIONS AND JUST CONSULT WITH MICRONESIA.

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6. WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT IF U.S. IS ABLE TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON MICRONESIA, OUR COUNTRY WILL BE FOREVER A COLONY OF UNITED STATES. WE WILL HAVE INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, BUT WITHOUT OUR FREEDOM OR REAL POWER OVER OUR ECONOMY WE WILL

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NOT ACTUALLY BE GOVERNING OURSELVES AT ALL.
7. IT IS TRUE AMERICANS DID OFFER SOME CONCESSIONS. TAKEN SEPARATELY, AT FIRST THEY LOOK SIGNIFICANT, AND EVEN TEMPTING. HOWEVER, CLOSER LOOK SHOWS THEY DO NOT AMOUNT TO MUCH. THEY WILL LET US WRITE OUR OWN CONSTITUTION, BUT WHAT GOOD IS THAT IF WE ARE NOT FREE? IF WE WERE FREE WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO ASK ANYBODY FOR THE RIGHT TO MAKE OUR OWN LAWS. THEY HAVE AGREED TO LIMIT AMOUNT OF OUR LAND THEY WILL TAKE FOR THEIR MILITARY PURPOSES. BUT WHY SHOULD THEY TAKE ANY OF OUR PRECIOUS LAND WHEN THEY ARE READY TO OFFER SO LITTLE IN RETURN? REAL CONCESSION WOULD BE OURS IN GIVING THEM ANY LAND. IN FACT, IT IS OUR SIDE WHICH HAS SO FAR BEEN OFFERING ONLY TRULY SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS AT ALL, IN LIMITATION OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH FREE ASSOCIATION WITH UNITED STATES WHICH WE HAVE PROPOSED. NEVERTHELESS OTHER SIDE REJECTED THIS IN FAVOR OF MUCH MORE LIMITING AND RESTRICTIVE

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SET OF ARRANGEMENTS. TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT BY WHICH UNITED STATES IS BOUND DOES NOT REQUIRE US TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS WHATEVER IN RETURN FOR OUR FREEDOM. YET U.S. DEMANDS OUR VERY FREEDOM ITSELF, IN RETURN FOR WHICH THEY OFFER NOTHING BUT LIMITED SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND A PROMISE (BUT NOT A GUARANTEE) OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

8. WHAT CAN WE DO? U.S. HAS SAID OUR ASSOCIATION CAN NEVER BE FREE, AND THEREFORE WE MICRONESIANS CAN NEVER BE FREE. DOES THAT MEAN WE HAVE NO CHOICE, THAT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO? OF COURSE NOT. SENATOR SALII HAS ALREADY GIVEN US THE ANSWER, AND HIS ANSWER IS NO MORE THAN INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO OUR JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA: IF UNITED STATES WILL NOT NEGOTIATE ON BASIS OF GENUINELY FREE ASSOCIATION, THEN OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO DECLARE OUR INDEPENDENCE. THEN WE CAN TALK WITH U.S. AS A SOVEREIGN NATION. IF WE KNOW WE ARE TO BE DENIED OUR FREEDOM THEN WE MUST CEASE BEGGING FOR IT, AND INSTEAD TAKE IT OURSELVES. THEREAFTER WE CAN SEEK OUT AS ALLIES THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WILL RESPECT OUR FREEDOM. IN THIS WE CAN EXPECT HELP OF

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UNITED NATIONS, FOR FREEDOM IS WHERE ALL TRUSTEESHIPS ARE
SUPPOSED TO END.

9. INSTEAD UNITED STATES WANTS TO DEFY NOT ONLY OUR
WISHES BUT ALSO WHOLE WORLD AS REPRESENTED IN UNITED
NATIONS, AND KEEP US AND OUR ISLANDS FOREVER UNDER ITS CONTROL.
WE MUST NEVER SUBMIT TO THIS, AND WE DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT TO
IT. FROM NOW ON OUR COURSE IS CLEAR. WE MUST THINK ONLY OF
INDEPENDENCE FOR MICRONESIA. ENT TEXT.

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