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UNCLAS. FROM POLAD 45. INTERIOR FOR OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND ASST SECRETARY LOESCH. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND SYPC (GRANT). DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JSC. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR HOLDRIDGE. CINCPAC FOR POLAD. SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS REF: HICOMTERPACIS TEL 260640Z OCT 71 (POLAD 44) 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF NEWS RELEASE (WHICH BEING TRANSMITTED BY PRIORITY SEPTEL) CITED PARA TWO REFTEL PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 27 EDITION GUAM PACIFIC DAILY NEWS (PDN) JOE MURPHY'S COLUMN.

PAGE TWO RUHGSAA4856 UNCLAS ENTIRE RELEASE BEING PUBLISHED BY MICRONESIA STAR IN EDITION BEING DISTRIBUTED OCTOBER 29. BELIEVE BOTH PDN STORY AND MICRONESIA STAR PUBLICATION ENTIRE RELEASE SHOULD BE RESPONDED TO BY LOW-LEVEL (FROM ME) INFORMAL STATEMENT IN RESPONSE QUERIES I AM RECEIVING FROM PDN AND STAR. FOLLOWING IS TEXT PDN STORY (LESS UNNECESSARY WORDS) FOLLOWED PROPOSED REBUTTAL. REQUEST EARLY ADVICE ON LATTER. 2. BEGIN PDN TEXT. WORD IS STARTING TO LEAK OUT ABOUT THOSE PROPOSED MILITARY BASES IN MICRONESIA. ALTHOUGH NOTHING OFFICIAL HAS YET BEEN SAID, BY EITHER MILITARY OR U.S. NEGOTIATORS, FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA, IN A NEWS LETTER, CLAIM SEN LAZARUS SALII HAS INDICATED

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AIR FORCE HAS "IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT" FOR AIR BASE ON ISLAND OF TINIAN IN MARIANAS. OF 4,000 ACRES OF "MILITARY RETENTION AREA" ON SAIPAN, ARTICLE SAID, MOST WOULD BE RETURNED.

3. MAJOR SURPRISE, THE FRIENDS SAY, WAS NAVY PLANS FOR PALAU DISTRICT. NAVY INTENDS, THEY SAY TO CONSTRUCT SUBMARINE BASE AND SHIP HANDLING FACILITIES IN MALAKAL BARBOR, CLOSE TO FAMOUS ROCK ISLANDS. A 40 ACRE H-BOMB AND GAS STORAGE FACILITY AND MARINE GUERRILLA TRAINING FACILITY WOULD BE BUILT ON MICRONESIA'S LARGEST ISLAND, BABELTHUAP. IN ADDITION, NEW OR IMPROVED AIR FIELD WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO SERVICE THESE FACILITIES.

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4. ALREADY EXISTENT ABM AND OTHER CLASSIFIED TEST SITES ON KWAJALEIN AND ENIWETOK WOULD BE RETAINED AS "MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS" FOR THAT AREA. ISLAND OF BIKINI, SITE FOR POST-WAR H-BOMB TEST IS BEING RETURNED TO INHABITANTS, THOUGH UNLESS A LARGE COMPENSATION IS PAID, THEY ARE REFUSING TO RETURN.

5. MOST OMINOUS, FRIENDS REPORT, IS AMERICAN INSISTENCE ON RIGHT TO BUILD ADDITIONAL BASES "IF NECESSARY IN AN EMERGENCY". U.S. DELEGATION, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, THEY SAY, DEMANDED ANY AGREEMENT ABOUT POLITICAL STATUS BE SIGNED ONLY AFTER MILITARY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED BY RATIFICATION ON BOTH SIDES.

6. AN AF BASE ON TINIAN? A SUB BASE NEXT TO ROCK ISLANDS? A MARINE BASE ON BABELTHUAP? PERHAPS. ALTHOUGH WE DONT IMAGINE PALAUANS WOULD BE TOO HAPPY ABOUT THAT. OR ECOLOGISTS, WHO CONSIDER ROCK ISLANDS ONE OF WORLD'S GREATEST NATURAL WONDERS. OR EVEN RUSSIANS,

WHO WILL SCREAM ABOUT THIS AT U.N.

7. YET FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA SEEM TO HAVE THE FACTS. THEY HAVE TALKED TO SALII, WHO WAS AT TALKS, AND APPARENTLY GOT WORD DIRECT FROM HIM. END TEXT

8. BEGIN TEXT PROPOSED DORRANCE STATEMENT. QUERIED ABOUT FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA NEWS RELEASE QUOTED IN PDN OCTOBER 27 EDITION OF PACIFIC DAILY NEWS AND CARRIED IN THIS WEEK'S MICRONESIA STAR,

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MR JOHN DORRANCE, STATE DEPARTMENT POLITICAL ADVISOR TO TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, STATES THAT MUCH OF INFORMATION CONTAINED

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IN THAT RELEASE IS EITHER WHOLLY INCORRECT OR HIGHLY DISTORTED. AS AN EXAMPLE, IN PALAU U.S. DESIRES ONLY OPTIONS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE OF LANDS; THE OPTIONS MAY NEVER BE EXERCISED. EVEN DESCRIPTION OF OPTIONS HIGHLY INACCURATE. AS EXAMPLE, U.S. DELEGATION AT HANA TALKS DID NOT DISCUSS ANY PLANS FOR SUBMARINE BASE, OR FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NERVE GAS STORAGE SITE. ANOTHER INACCURACY RELATES TO POSSIBLE FUTURE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS. DURING THE HANA TALKS IT WAS POINTED OUT DEFENSE EMERGENCIES MAY ARISE WHICH WOULD MAKE DESIRABLE TEMPORARY USE OF SOME LANDS IN MICRONESIA. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS MADE CLEAR THE U.S. POSITION THAT TEMPORARY, EMERGENCY LAND REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE MET ONLY THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT, AND THAT SUCH LANDS COULD BE OBTAINED FOR U.S. DEFENSE PURPOSES ONLY WITH CONSENT OF MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

9. THE RELEASE IS ALSO INACCURATE IN STATING THAT THE U.S. EXPECTED THAT THE AMERICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT BE A MODEL FOR MICRONESIA.

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS DID EXPRESS THAT THE HOPE THAT MICRONESIA MIGHT WISH TO DRAW ON AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN WORKING OUT ITS CONSTITUTION AND SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. BUT HE MADE CLEAR THE U.S. POSITION THAT MICRONESIA'S CONSTITUTION AND SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT NEED NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH OR PATTERNED AFTER THE "AMERICAN MODEL".

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10. STILL ANOTHER ERROR IN NEWS RELEASE RELATES TO ESTABLISHMENT IN WASHINGTON OF OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. CONTRARY TO RELEASE, THAT OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, AND NOT KR. KISSINGER. FURTHER, DIRECTOR OF THAT OFFICE, AMBASSADOR HUMMEL, IS NOT ASSISTED BY "NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICIALS" EXCEPT FOR ONE NAVY CAPTAIN, ENTIRE STAFF OF OFFICE IS CIVILIAN AND MAINLY FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE END TEXT.

11. PARA NINE PORTION OF MY STATEMENT IS FOR MICRONESIA STAR ONLY SINCE REFERENCED PORTION OF FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA RELEASE NOT REPORTED IN PDN STORY.

12. LOOKING TO FUTURE, SUGGEST I BE AUTHORIZED RESPOND WITH SIMILAR STATEMENTS TO ANY FUTURE PRESS QUERIES REGARDING "UNOFFICIAL" STORIES ON HANA TALKS SUCH AS THAT FROM FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA. DORRANCE

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Agree to your issuance of statement contained in para 8 reftel correcting distortions in "friends of Micronesia" release. Amb. Hummel sends.

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