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UNCLAS FROM POLAD 49. 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. HOLBGIBGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD. SUBJECT: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS - PRESS ROUNDUP

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES PRESS COMMENT ON STATUS QUESTION OCTOBER 29 AND 30. 2. MICRONESIA STAR OCTOBER EDITION CARRIED FULL TEXT FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA NEWS RELEASE (REF POLAD 47) ON FRONT PAGE AND POLAD

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REBUTTAL (REF POLAD 45)
ON SECOND PAGE. STAR ALSO CARRIED ON FIRST
PAGE SPECULATIVE ARTICLE ON FUTURE MARIANAS. STORY CONTAINS FEW NEW
ELEMENTS AND NNO HARD NEWS. BUT DOES POINT OUT "INCIPIENT BUREAUCRATIC."

HASSLES ADMINISTERING THREE DIFFERENTLY ALIGNED TERRITORIES IN SAME AREA," I.E. GUAM, PROPOSED MARÍANAS COMMONWEALTH, AND "FREELY ASSOCIATED MICRONESIAN NATION." STORY ALSO STATES MARIANAS DESIRE FOR SEPARATE COMMONWEALTH STATUS "LACKS TOTALLY CONVINCING RISON D'ETRE," BUT THAT "TINIAN BASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR COMMONWEALTH STATUS."

3. SAME EDITION STAR CARRIES FULL PAGE STORY BY FRANCISCO ULUDONG TITLED "U.S. ON MICRONESIA: PATERNALISTIC AND VAGUE." ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS DIFFERENCES OVER TERMINATION ISSUE, ALLEGES U.S. AT HANA TALKS

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FAILED RECOGNIZE MICRONESIAN RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE, AND DISTORTS U.S. POSITION ON LAND AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. FOLLOWING ARE ILLUSTRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS.

4. "U.S. AT NO TIME ACKNOWLEDGED MICRONESIAN LEGAL RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE...IN FACT, U.S. DELEGATION DURING NEGOTIATIONS GAVE SUCH A VALUABLE RIGHT MIGHT BE MISUSED. AMERICAN POSITION WAS MADE AS IF MICRONESIAN SUPPORT OF IT IS NON-EXISTENT."

5. ON TERMINATION, ULUDONG FAIRLY ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN DETAIL U.S. AND MICRONESIAN POSITIONS.

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6. ON LEGAL ISSUES: "U.S. APPEARED. AT FIRST GLANCE, TO HAVE CHANGED
ITS POSITION ON OTHER THREE PRINCIPLES....IT SEEMED TO AGREE, IN
PRINCIPLE, BUT NOT TO AN OUTRIGHT RECOGNITION OF MICRONESIAN NATIONAL
SOVEREIGNTY AND THE RIGHT, IN THE FUTURE, TO SELF-DETERMINATION....
IT IS FEARED THAT ONCE PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH ACTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION, THEY WOULD HAVE DELEGATED TO U.S. THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

AND RENOUNCED RIGHT, IN THE FUTURE, TO SELF-DETERMINATION. ON QUESTION

OF MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION, U.S. AGREED MICRONESIA WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO FORMULATE, AMEND, OR CHANGE THEIR CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, PROVIDED RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES IN MICRONESIA ARE PROTECTED." (LATTER APPARENTLY IS REFERENCE TO RECIPROCITY OF FREE ENTRY OF NATIONALS, CITIZENS, AND PRODUCTS BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND U.S.)

7. ON LAND, "IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER POWER OF EMINENT DOMMAIN IS SOLELY A MICRONESIAN JURISDICTION......DECLINED TO COMMENT ON NATURE AND DURATION OF MILITARY EMERGENCIES THAT MIGHT ARISE FOR WHICH MICRONESIAN LANDS WOULD BE NEEDED."

8. "UNDERNEATH ALL AMERICAN EXPRESSION OF GOODWILL AND TRUST LIES DETERMINATION TO SQUEEZE EVERY ADVANTAGE OUT OF ITS PROPOSITION FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH MICRONESIA. AMERICAN POSITION AT MOMENT

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REFLECTS AN ATTITUDE TOWARDS FIRST MICRONESIA, AS STRATEGIC ISLANDS,
AND SECOND, AS PEOPLE."
9. FINALLY, STAR ALSO CARRIED FULL TEXT PORTION OF AMBASSADOR WILL

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LIAMS' OPENING STATEMENT AT HANA WHICH BEGINS WITH SENTENCE: "I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY REVIEW BASIC U.S. INTERESTS IN MICRONESIA."

10. GUAM PACIFIC DAILY NEWS (PDN) ON OCTOBER 29 CARRIED ALMOST ENTIRE TEXT SENATOR NAKAYAMA'S REPORT TO INDEPENDENCE COALITION (REF POLAD 429).

(UNDERSTAND STAR NOW HOLDING THAT REPORT FOR NEXT WEEK'S EDITION.)
PDN ON OCTOBER 30 ALSO CARRIED FULL TEXT POLAD REBUTTAL TO FRIENDS OF
MICRONESIA NEW RELEASE, AS PUT OUT BY MNS ON OCTOBER 28. OCTOBER 30
PDN FRONT-PAGED SENATOR PANGELINAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS (REPORTED

OCTOBER 22 BY MNS) ON U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS IN TTPI. HOWEVER, PDN STORY BASED ON UPI STORY OUT OF HONOLULU (WHICH PRESUMEABLY DREW ON MNS).

11. PDN OCTOBER 30 EDITION ALSO FRONT-PAGED AND HEADLINED (MILITARY BARES TT PLANS") STORY FILED BY MALCOLM BARR, "DAILY NEWS BUREAU, WASH-

INGTON", WHICH GUOTES TESTIMONY GIVEN BY DEPUTY SECDEF PACKARD DURING SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON OKINAWA REVERSION AGREE-

MENT. WHILE NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH OF PACKARD'S STATEMENT REFERS TO MICRO-

NESIA, ARTICLES STATES: "INDICATIONS THAT U.S. MAY BE CONSIDERING USING CERTAIN ISLANDS IN MICRONESIA FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, INCLUDING STORAGE

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OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS REMOVED FROM OKINAWA, WERE GIVEN YESTERDAY (OCTOBER
27 OR 287) DURING TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE."

12. MICRONITOR AND OTHER DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS FOR PAST WEEK NOT YET AVAILABLE ON SAIPAN. DORRANCE.

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