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UNCLAS. FROM POLAD 54. 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: TTP1 FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS - PRESS ROUNDUP
1. OCTOBER 30 EDITION MICRONITOR NEWSPAPER (PUBLISHED IN MARSHALLS BUT DISTRIBUTED IN MOST OTHER DISTRICTS) HEADLINED AND FRONT PAGED FULL TEXT FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA NEWS RELEASE TOGETHER WITH MY REBUTTAL. ULUDONG ARTICLE CITED POLAD 49 CARRIED IN FULL ON INSIDE PAGES.

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2. MICRONITOR EDITORIAL (REFERRING TO MY REBUTTAL STATEMENT CARRIED BY MNS) STATES: "EVIDENTLY MNS FEELS ITS VERSION OF TALKS ACCORDING TO DORRANCE IS MORE VALID THAN FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA'S VERSION ACCORDING TO SALII. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING: CO-CHAIRMAN OF MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS TALKS EKPAP SILK TOLD THIS PAPER THAT DURING TALKS ONLY TWO PEOPLE TO TALK TO EACH OTHER IN FORMAL NEGOTIATING SETTING WERE SENATOR SALII AND AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. SILK MAINTAINS THAT AFTER THEY WOULD TALK TOGETHER EACH REPRESENTATIVE WOULD JOIN HIS

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RESPECTIVE DELEGATION AND REPORT ON WHAT WAS SAID. WOULD THIS NOT PUT SENATOR SALII IN A POSITION TO MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT ACTUALLY TRANSPIRED IN THE TALKS? IF DORRANCE HAS CERTAIN AND COMPLETE INFORMATION ON WHAT WAS SAID BY WILLIAMS AND SALII WHILE THEY WERE TOGETHER THEN WOULD IT BE SAFE TO ASSUME U.S. WAS TAPING SESSIONS?" 3. IN ORDER MEET MICRONITOR PUBLISHING DEADLINE FOR THIS WEEK, HAVE ALREADY DISPATCHED FOLLOWING COMMENT TO EDITOR MICRONITOR. 4. BEGIN TEXT. YOUR STORY "THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?" IN OCTOBER 30 EDITION OF MICRONITOR SUGGESTS, QUITE INCORRECTLY, THAT U.S. SURREPTIOUSLY TAPED STATUS TALKS AND QUESTIONS HOW I CAME INTO

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POSSESSION OF INFORMATION AS TO WHAT TRANSPIRED AT TALKS. YOU SHOULD BE

AWARE OF FOLLOWING FACTS. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT ONLY AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND SENATOR SALII SPOKE IN NEGOTIATIONS AT HANA, JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND ENTIRE U.S.

DELEGATION WERE PRESENT AT ALL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. I WAS PRESENT AT ALL SESSIONS AS MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION. COMPLETE WRITTEN RECORD WAS KEPT, FOR USE OF BOTH SIDES, OF ALL STATEMENTS MADE IN CONFERENCE ROOM. IT WAS DURING THESE SESSIONS THAT ISSUES RAISED IN "FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA" NEWS RELEASE, AND IN MY REBUTTAL TO THAT RELEASE, WERE DISCUSSED. (THERE WERE SEVERAL PRIVATE MEETINGS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND SENATOR SALII, BUT THESE RELATED MAINLY TO CONFERENCE PROCEDURES AND THE AGENDA.) IN SHORT, I WAS PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION OF ISSUES UNDER QUESTION, AND IT IS BY THAT MEANS THAT I AM ABLE TO COMMENT ON NATURE AND SUBSTANCE OF HANA TALKS. MOST CERTAINLY ANY MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION AT HANA

IS MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT U.S. POSITION AND PROPOSALS THAN IS "FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA", AN ORGANIZATION NOT REPRESENTED AT OR PRESENT DURING HANA TALKS. I MIGHT ADD AS AN ASIDE THAT MR. F.T. ULUDONGS SOTRY, CARRIED IN THE OCTOBER 30 EDITION OF

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MICRONITOR, ALSO HIGHLY DISTORTS AND MISREPRESENTS U.S. POSITION

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AND PROPOSALS ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA.
5. GIVEN RATHER UNFORTUNATE INFERENCES CONTAINED IN YOUR STORY,
WHICH HAVE NO FOUNDATION IN FACT, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU
WOULD SET RECORD STRAIGHT BY PRINTING THIS MESSAGE IN NEXT ISSUE
OF MICRONITOR. MOST SINCERELY, JOHN C. DORRANCE, POLITICAL ADVISOR.
END TEXT
6. DORRANCE

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