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UNCLAS. FROM POLAD 55. 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: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND THE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA
1. NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA NEWSLETTER (RECEIVED HERE NOVEMBER 2) CARRIES WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS "AN EXCLUSIVE REPORT" BY SENATOR SALII ON HANA STATUS TALKS. NEWSLETTER SENT TO ALL TTPI NEWSPAPERS AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE PRINTED BY

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MOST OR ALL OF THEM. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT "SALII REPORT."
2. BEGIN TEXT. DURING MAUI TALKS, U.S. CHANGED ITS POSITION ON SOME OF ISSUES WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT BUT AT SAME TIME, U.S. REFUSED TO DISCUSS WHAT IS MOST BASIC ISSUE. SOVEREIGNTY OF MICRONESIA.
3. IN JULY 1970 CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTED FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES AND LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH ARE NOT COMPROMISABLE. THEY ARE: (A) THAT SOVEREIGNTY RESIDES IN PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND THEIR DULY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT, (B) THAT PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA POSSESS RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND MAY THEREFOR CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE OR SELF-GOVERNMENT IN FREE ASSOCIATION WITH ANY

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NATION OR ORGANIZATION OF NATIONS; (C) THAT PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA HAVE RIGHT TO ADOPT THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION AND TO AMEND, CHANGE OR REVOKE ANY CONSTITUTION OR GOVERNMENTAL PLAN AT ANY TIME; AND (D) THAT FREE ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE IN FORM OF REVOCABLE COMPACT, TERMINABLE UNILATERALLY BY EITHER PARTY.

4. U.S. INTRANSIGENCE ON PRINCIPLE FOUR, QUESTION OF TERMINATION PROCEDURES, CAUSED MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO WALK OUT OF TALKS. AMERICAN CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, REFUSED TO DISCUSS AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD BE TERMINABLE OTHER THAN BY

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MUTUAL CONSENT. MICRONESIAN FOURTH PRINCIPLE DECLARES THAT AN AGREEMENT MUST BE TERMINABLE UNILATERALLY BY EITHER PARTY SO AS TO GUARANTEE POSSIBILITY OF INDEPENDENCE IN FUTURE. WITHOUT SUCH AN AGREEMENT THERE WOULD BE NO MICRONESIAN SOVEREIGNTY; AND MICRONESIA WOULD BE A TERRITORIAL UNIT OF UNITED STATES. SOME KIND OF FREE ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO INDEPENDENCE BUT A FORM OF SELF-LIMITATION REVOCABLE AT ANY TIME MICRONESIA DESIRED COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE.

5. ON OTHER PRINCIPLES THERE WAS SOME AGREEMENT. ON THIRD POINT, THAT INVOLVING CONFLICT OF LAW, U.S. AGREED TO ALLOW MICRONESIANS FREEDOM TO CREATE THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION AND LAWS BUT EXPECTED THAT THERE BE A BILL OF RIGHTS AND THAT U.S. FORM OF GOVERNMENT BE USED AS A MODEL. THIS INSULTING, CONDESCENDING ATTITUDE ON PART OF WILLIAMS WAS VIOLATION OF SPIRIT OF NEGOTIATIONS.

6. U.S. AGREED TO DROP ITS INSISTENCE ON MAINTAINING EMINENT DOMAIN OVER ALL MICRONESIAN LAND BUT THIS "CONCESSION" WAS PREDICATED ON MICRONESIAN ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. PLANS FOR MILITARY BASES AND "EMERGENCY RIGHTS".

7. A NAVY CAPTAIN, ASSIGNED TO NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL'S NEW OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, OUTLINED SPECIFIC MILITARY PLANS FOR MICRONESIA.

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8. AIR FORCE HAS "IMMEDIATE" REQUIREMENT FOR A MULTI-RUNWAY AIR BASE ON TINIAN IN MARIANAS, ISLAND FROM WHICH ENOLA GAY FLEW TO DROP FIRST ATOMIC BOMB ON HIROSHIMA. OF 4,000 ACRES OF LAND HELD ON SAIPAN AS A "MILITARY RETENTION AREA," MOST WOULD BE

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RETURNED.

9. ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME SPECULATION, MAJOR SURPRISE WAS NAVY PLANS FOR PALAU. NAVY INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT SUBMARINE BASE AND SHIP HANDLING FACILITIES IN MALAKAL HARBOR. A 40 ACRE STORAGE FACILITY FOR NUCLEAR WARHEADS AND POSSIBLY GAS WOULD BE BUILT ON BABELTHUAP ALONG WITH MARINE GUERRILLA TRAINING CENTER. TO SERVE THESE NEW BASES, A NEW OR IMPROVED AIRPORT WOULD BE BUILT.

10. IN MARSHALLS, KWAJALEIN AND EIWETOK WOULD BE RETAINED AS "MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS." NO PLANS WERE ANNOUNCED FOR BASES IN YAP, TRUK, OR PONAPE BUT AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS INSISTED ON RIGHT TO BUILD ADDITIONAL BASES "IF NECESSARY IN AN EMERGENCY."

11. MICRONESIAN DELEGATION HAS INVITED AMERICANS TO MEET AGAIN IN DECEMBER IN PALAU BUT AMERICAN DELEGATION HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO OFFER. IF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT POSSIBLE, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MAY ISSUE A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BECOME INDEPENDENT IN ANY EVENT, MICRONESIAN DELEGATION WANTS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE

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INTERNAL REFORM BY CREATING AN ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE TO REPLACE PRESENT OFFICE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER AND BY TRANSFERRING POWER OF APPROPRIATIONS TO CONGRESS.

12. MANY ISSUES HAVE YET TO BE DISCUSSED BY U.S. AND MICRONESIA. AMONG THEM ARE QUESTIONS OF AID,

FOREIGN POLICY, AND ENTRY RIGHTS OF MICRONESIANS INTO U.S. OF COURSE, ANY AGREEMENT THAT SHOULD BE REACHED WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE THROUGH A PLEBISCITE AND, WE WOULD INSIST, BY U.S. CONGRESS.

13. MICRONESIAN INTERESTS CAN BE HELPED BY WORKING THROUGH GROUPS LIKE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA. ORGANIZED EFFORTS TO PRESSURE U.S. GOVERNMENT THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS ARE NECESSARY AIDS TO EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. END TEXT. DORRANCE

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