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- Draft text contained reftel is approved subject to following corrections and comments. Please release to MNS and newspapers.
- Recommend following text revisions:
- (a) Para 6(D) Change fourth, fifth and sixth sentences to read: Contrary to some reports, the U.S. delegation discussed no plans for submarine bases, nuclear weapons, or gas . D. C. storage facilities in Palau. Indeed, the U.S. asked only for options in Palau against 100

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possible future use. The contingencies necessitating those options may never materialize, thus the options may never be exercised.

- (b) Para 6(G) Substitute for kpresent text:

 The U.S. position recognized the Micronesian

 Government's right to develop and control

 Micronesia's economy.
- (c) Para 6(H) Change first sentence to read:

 The U.S. position with respect to operation

 of U.S. programs and services in Micronesia

 basically was that none would be pressed on

 Micronesia, but that under a relationship

 of close association with Mix Micronesiaxxhuk

 the U.S. Government would do its best to provide

 those services and programs which may be desired

 by Micronesia.

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Para 6(I) - Second sentence delete "various"

and replace with "some". Delete third sentence.

Change fourth sentence to read: Differences
with respect to economic and cultural relations
with other nations and international organizations remain to be resolved at further talks,
but the existing differences do not appear to
be irreconciliable in any way.

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(e) Para 7 - Delete last two sentences beginning While in association".

change to read: The U.S. would also like
to develop a mutually advantageous
relationship with Micronesia. But just as
such an agreement will effect Micronesian
interests, so will U.S. interests be affected.
One cannot expect any nation to enter into
a partnership in which the interests of
only one of the parties are given due consideration, attention and protection. Thus
in a very basic way, the negotiations
relating to agreement between Micronesia
and the U.S. must be directed at accommodating the interests of both parties in such

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a manner that the arrangement is of benefit to both parties. There can be no other basis for a partnership.

- (g) Para 10 Change second sentence to read: It is true that little was said about independence during the Hana talks. Both sides came to Hana for the purpose of negotiating association, not full or unqualified independence.
- 3. Suggest that your release carry an editor's note to the following effect:

The following statement was provide to MNS by

John Dorrance, State Department political advisor

to the High Commissioner. Mr. Dorrance was a

member of the U.S. delegation headed by Ambassador

haydn Williams which met October 4-12 at Hana,

Maui, Hawaii, with the Joint Committee on Future

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Status. Mr. Dorrance attended all sessions of the talks and worked with the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiation in the preparation of position papers at Hana as well as in Washington prior to the meetings.

Amb. Hummel sends.

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