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CONFIDENTIAL FROM POLAD 67C. INTERIOR FOR OFFICE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND ASST. SECRETARY LOESCH. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITEHOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD. SUBJECT: TTPI - CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA 1. HICOM WILL, AS IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS, GIVE "STATE OF TERRITORY" MESSAGE AT OPENING CONGRESSIONAL SESSION IN PALAU IN MID-JANUARY. OCCASION OFFERS OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCE MAJOR POLICY CHANGES, NEW PROGRAMS, ETC. GIVEN MOOD CONGRESS, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO OFFER SOME

PAGE TWO RUHJOSA0291 CONFIDENTIAL "GOODIES," PARTICULARLY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE LIKELY IN ANY EVENT BE CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES. FOLLOWING ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION WHICH ARE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY HICOM. 2. FOREIGN INVESTMENT. IF REVIEW OUR POLICY UNDER "MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE" COMPLETE, AND OUTCOME WILL PERMIT JAPANESE AND OTHER FOREIGN INVESTMENT, HICOM'S MESSAGE WOULD BE IDEAL OCCASION MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, CONGRESS IN LAST SESSION ADOPTED RESOLUTION REQUESTING U.S. INTERPRETATION PRESENT POLICY. THAT ALONE REQUIRES RESPONSE.

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3. UN AGENCY OPERATIONS. CONGRESS ALSO HAS ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS SEEKING GREATER UN AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT. ANY POSITIVE STATEMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

4. ENIWETOK. THOUGH CONTINUING USE ENIWETOK ATOLL NOW A SUBJECT OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT ATOLL WILL BE RETURNED TO ISLANDERS IN NOT TOO MANY YEARS WITH CONSEQUENT REQUIREMENT FOR REHABILITATION. IN THIS REGARD, MAJOR PROBLEM IN BIKINI REHABILITATION HAS BEEN ABSENCE ANY ADVANCE PREPARATIONS, E.G. PLANTING OF COCONUT PALMS WHICH REQUIRE UP TO TEN YEARS TO REACH

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MATURITY AND PRODUCTION. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE COMMENCE REPLANTING SCHEME IMMEDIATELY AGAINST DAY ATOLL WILL BE RETURNED TO OWNERS. FURTHER, ON ASSUMPTION NO FURTHER EXPERIMENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT IENIWETOK WHICH WOULD REPRESENT DANGER TO ANYONE ON ATOLL, URGE THAT THOSE ATOLL ISLETS NOT IN USE BY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT BE RETURNED NOW, BOTH FOR SOME MINOR REPOPULATION PURPOSES, AND FOR COMMENCEMENT REHABILITATION FOR RETURN MAIN BODY OF ISLANDERS. ABOVE ACTION, ILLUSTRATIVE OUR GOOD FAITH AND INTENTIONS, WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON MARSHALLESE ATTITUDES WITH RESPECT STATUS QUESTION.

5. ONCE BROAD AGREEMENT ON STATUS QUESTION REACHED WITH CONGRESS, A MAJOR PROBLEM WILL BE SORTING OUT AND IMPLEMENTING TRANSITIONAL STEPS LEADING TO TERMINATION TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT. IT WILL BE VERY MUCH TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO HAVE BROADEST POSSIBLE MICRONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS. WE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID SITUATION IN WHICH STATUS COMMITTEE AND CONGRESS ALONE ARE WORKING UP DEMANDS AND LAYING THEM BEFORE US FOR CONSIDERATION IN SERIES OF CONFRONTATIONS. SUGGEST HICOM'S MESSAGE CONTAIN PROPOSAL THAT, ONCE THERE IS AGREEMENT ON BROAD OUTLINES FUTURE STATUS, JOINT COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF CONGRESSIONAL AND DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

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REPRESENTATIVES, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS, BE ESTABLISHED TO WORK OUT RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRANSITIONAL STEPS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS, ADMINISTRATION, AND WASHINGTON.

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