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FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON FROM ARTHUR HUMMEL, OFFICE FOR MICRO-NESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATION, ALSO INFOR FOR DORRANCE.

FOLLOWING TEXT CLEARED WITH DEPT OF DEFENSE AND APPROVED BY AMB WILLI AMS

WITH REQUEST THAT HICOM ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION IN TTPI AND ALSO IN GUAM. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR. HIGH COMMISSIONER AS YOU KNOW, THE RECENT STATUS TALKS HELD IN HAWAII BETWEEN THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE U.S. DELEGATION PRODUCED SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND LAID THE BASIS FOR THE FURTHER NEGOTIATION AND RESOLUTION OF THOSE MATTERS ON WHICH AGREEMENT

HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED. I BELIEVE THAT BOTH SIDES LEFT HAWAII CONFI-

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DENT THAT LATER DISCUSSIONS CAN PRODUCE MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTIES, SO THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP OVER MICRONESIA CAN

BE TERMINATED, AND A NEW STATUS ESTABLISHED FOR MICRONESIA.

I PLAN PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION VERY SOON OF PRINTED MATERIALS FULLY DESCRIBING THE TALKS IN HAWAII SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WILL HAVE ADEQUATE REFERENCE MATERIALS THROUGH WHICH THEY CAN INFORM

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THERE HAVE COME TO MY ATTENTION SOME STATEMENTS PUBLISHED IN MICRO-NESIA

THAT HAVE DESCRIBED THE U.S. PROPOSALS QUITE INACCURATELY. THE WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRINTED MATERIALS THAT ARE BEING PREPARED WILL SERVE TO CORRECT THOSE INACCURACIES, BUT THERE IS ONE AREA OF SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING THAT I BELIEVE NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY, AND THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM.

DURING RECENT TESTIMONY ON THE OKINAWA REVERSION TREATY BEFORE THE U.S.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME MILITARY ACTIVITIES NOW LOCATED ON OKINAWA MIGHT LATER BE RE-LOCATED IN MICRONESIA. THEY REPLIED THAT NO SPECIFIC DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE AS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH AN FACILITY IN OKINAWA WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED, NOR WHERE SUCH FACILITIES MIGHT BE MOVED.

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I BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A SEROUS MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THOSE STATEMENTS IT HAS BEEN CHARGED THAT THOSE REMARKS BY U.S. OFFICIALS ARE
INCONSISTENT WITH MY ASSURANCES IN HAWAII CONCERNING U.S. MILITARY
LAND
REQUIREMENTS IN MICRONESIA IN FUTURE YEARS UNDER A NEW STATUS. I WANT
TO
ASSURE THE LEADERS AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA THAT THE OFFICIALS WHO

TESTIFIED ON THE OKINAWA TREATY DID NOT SAY, AND DID NOT MEAN, THAT THERE ARE ANY FORESEABLE U.S. MILITARY LAND NEEDS IN MICRONESIA BEYOND THOSE I DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS IN HAWAII.

I DESCRIBED THE U.S. PROPOSALS REGARDING LAND, WHICH ENVISAGE THAT THE

U.S. WOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN AND THAT ALL LAND IN MICRONESIA WOULD BE ENTIRELY CONTROLLED BY MICRONESIANS UNDER MICRO-NESIAN LAWS. U.S. MILITARY LAND REQUIREMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THOSE I OUTLINED IN THE HAWAII TALKS, AND WE ASKED THAT THOSE LAND REQUIRE-MENTS, AND ONLY THOSE, BE PRE-NEGOTIATED BEFORE A CHANGE IN THE STATUS

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OF THE AREA. ALL U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOW CONTEMPLATES IN MICRONESIA WOULD, UNDER OUR FIRM PROPOSAL, BE ACCOMMODATED ONLY ON THE LAND AREAS WE DESCRIBED IN THE TALKS IN HAWAII. IF IT BECAME ADVISABLE, FOR SOME UNFORESEEABLE REASON, TO USE MORE LAND IN THE FUTURE, THIS COULD BE DONE ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MICRONESIAN

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GOVERNMENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MICRONESIAN LAW.
IN SUMMARY, IT WOULD BE WRONG AND MISLEADING FOR ANYONE TO CONCLUDE
THAT THE TESTIMONY ON THE OKINAWA TREATY SHOWED ANY INCONSISTENCY WITH

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S FIRM AND LIMITED PROPOSAL THAT I OUTLINED IN HAWAII. THE U.S. PROPOSALS THERE REPRESENT THE DECISION OF THE HIGHEST

LEVELS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND I MADE THEM WITH FULL AUTHORIZATION.

THOSE PROPOSALS ARE FIRM, AND NO U.S. OFFICIAL INTENDED TO IMPLY AMEND

MENT TO THEM IN ANY WAY.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD SEE THAT THIS TELEGRAM IS GIVEN APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION IN MICRONESIA. SINCERELY, F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

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