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UNCLAS. FROM POLAD 8]. INTERIOR FOR OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS
NEGOTIATIONS AND ASST SECRETARY LOESCH. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR
WILLIAMS. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS.
WHITE HOUSE FOR MR HOLDRIDGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD
SUBJECT: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS - PRESS COVERAGE
1. GUAM PACIFIC DAILY NEWS (PDN) NOVEMBER 21 FRONTPAGE FULL TEXT
MNS STORY ON AMBASSADOR HUMMEL'S FORTHCOMING TTPI TOUR. PDN
NOVEMBER 23 EDITION CARRIED LENGTHY STORY BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH
REP EKPAP SILK, CO-CHAIRMAN STATUS COMMITTEE. STORY QUOTES SILK

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AS STATING THAT, AT NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN DECEMBER, "NO CONCESSIONS
ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE BY MICRONESIAN SIDE CONCERNING THE MOST
BASIC POINT OF DISAGREEMENT: PRINCIPLE OF UNILATERAL TERMINATION
OF THE FUTURE STATUS ARRANGEMENTS." REFERRING TO FOUR PRINCIPLES,
SILK ALSO QUOTED AS STATING THAT "THESE POINTS ARE CONSIDERED
ESSENTIAL AND NON-NEGOTIABLE AND UNTIL THIS MANDATE IS CHANGED
BY CONGRESS, COMMITTEE WILL NEGOTIATE SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE
POINTS." ALSO: "TWO NEGOTIATING TEAMS WILL BE MEETING BEFORE
NEXT CONGRESS SESSION BEGINS MAKING ANY CHANGE IN THESE MINIMUM
REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUTURE STATUS ARRANGEMENTS IMPOSSIBLE."
STORY ALSO QUOTE SILK AS STATING "THERE WILL ALSO BE MANY OTHER
THINGS TO CONSIDER DURING FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE,

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WE WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE HOW MICRONESIAN GOODS WILL ENTER FREELY INTO U.S.. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED FOR FREE ENTRY OF MICRONESIANS INTO U.S.. THESE ARE CONSIDERED MINOR DETAILS TO SOME BUT ARE BASIC QUESTIONS AND ARE YET TO BE RESOLVED." REFERRING TO THREE BILLS VETOED BY HICOM THIS PAST SUMMER (ADVISE AND CONSENT, MERIT PLAN, AND PUBLIC DEFENDER), SILK ALSO SAID THAT IF THEY ARE PASSED AND VETOED AGAIN, "WE WILL OVERRIDE THE VETOES AND SEND THEM DIRECTLY TO INTERIOR."

2. NOVEMBER 20 EDITION MICRONITOR NEWSPAPER FRONT-PAGED AND

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HEADLINED STORY TITLED "WILLIANDER CHARGES US WAS LYING AT HANA."
STORY CONTENT IDENTICAL TO THAT APPEARING IN OTHER NEWSPAPERS EARLIER AND ALREADY REPORTED. FULL TEXT POLAD STATEMENT ON HANA TALKS (AS FILED BY MNS NOVEMBER 10) CARRIED IN INSIDE PAGES. UNDER HEADING "DORRANCE MERELY ANOTHER DELUDER," MICRONITOR CARRIED FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA LETTER TO EDITOR REPORTED POLAD MESSAGE 59.

3. MICRONESIA STAR EDITION APPEARING TOMORROW WILL CARRY SEVERAL MAJOR ITEMS ON STATUS, INCLUDING POLAD STATEMENT ON HANA TALKS. WILL REPORT IN DETAIL IN SEPTEL.

4. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE THAT PRESS COVERAGE REPORTS HAVE REPORTED VIRTUALLY NO COVERAGE STATUS QUESTION BY DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS IN PONAPE, TRUK, YAP, AND PALAU. IN MOST INSTANCES THIS BECAUSE THESE NEWSPAPERS APPEAR VERY IRREGULARLY AND SOMETIMES NOT FOR WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS AT A TIME. TO EXTENT THESE PAPERS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AND HAVE CARRIED STATUS ITEMS, CONTENT HAS BEEN REPORTED. PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, MICRONESIA STAR, AND MICRONITOR DO HAVE TTPI WIDE DISTRIBUTION. DORRANCE

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