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UNCLAS FROM POLAD 86. INTERIOR FOR OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND ASST. SECRETARY LOESCH. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMSSTATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR HOLDRIDGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD. SUBJECT: TTP1 FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS - PRESS COVERAGE REF: HICOMTERPACIS 260240Z NOV 71 (POLAD 85) 1. THIS WEEK'S MICRONESIA STAR CARRIES SEVERAL MAJOR ITEMS ON STATUS. POLAD STATEMENT ON HANA TALKS (AS DISPATCHED BY MNS NOVEMBER 10) CARRIED IN FULL. ALSO POLAD STATEMENT ON PACKARD/WESTMORELAND

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- 2. SUMMARY U.S. DEFENSE LAND REQUIREMENTS IN MICRONESIA, BASED ON HANA TRANSCRIPTS, CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE. ARTICLE STRAIGHT FORWARD FACTUAL ACCOUNT AND REASONABLY ACCURATE.
- 3. LETTER TO EDITORS CARRIES LETTER FROM MICRONESIAN STUDENT ALEX PHILLIP (CAL STATE) ATTACKING MY EARLIER STATEMENTS ON FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA "QUOTES" OF SENATOR SALII'S REMARKS ON U.S. BASING REQUIREMENTS, ETC. WRITER STATES HE WAS AT SALII'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERKELEY, AND THAT SALII MADE ALL STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA. ALSO: "REVEALING OF U.S. INTENTION OF MILITARY INTEREST IN MICRONESIA IS NO LONGER A SECRECY,

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BUT A SIGN OF REVEALING THE TRUTH. I PRAISE SENATOR SALII AND FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA FOR REVEALING U.S. MILITARY PLANS IN MICRONESIA FOR MICRONESIAN PEOPLE TO KNOW TRUTH ABOUT THE U.S. INTENTION. I MAY NOT BE HONEST (SIC), BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE TRUTH ALSO." WRITER'S ADDRESS SAME AS THAT FOR FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA.

4. MAJOR STORY WAS BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR TMETUCHL (SAME INTERVIEW AS REPORTED REFTEL) AND HEADLINED ON FRONT PAGE. IN ADDITION REMARKS ALREADY REPORTED REFTEL, TMETUCHL QUOTED ON FOLLOWING. ASKED WHETHER OR NOT SENATOR SALII HAD STATED U.S.

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PLANS BUILD SUBMARINE BASE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORAGE FACILITY IN PALAU, TMETUCHL REPLIED: "LAZARUS WOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT, BECAUSE THEY (U.S.) NEVER SAID THAT AT TALKS." TMETUCHL WENT ON TO POINT OUT U.S. REQUESTED ONLY OPTIONS IN PALAU, "BUT THAT IF THESE OPTIONS ARE EXERCISED, THE PALAUANS MIGHT NOT BE TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT." ALSO QUOTED AS BELIEVING THAT ALTHOUGH IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY BASES CAN BE AVOIDED IN MICRONESIA, HE PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE NONE AND URGED MICRONESIA BE DECLARED A NEUTRAL ZONE.

5. RECALLING THAT HE BELONGED TO INDEPENDENCE COALITION, STORY STATES TMETUCHL "FOR THE PRESENT" SUPPORTS FREE ASSOCIATION, AND BELIEVES THAT FORTHCOMING CONGRESSIONAL SESSION WILL CHANGE STATUS COMMITTEE' MANDATE TO ALLOW COMMITTEE TO COMPROMISE ON FOURTH PRINCIPLE. "I SEE NO HARM IN OUR ACCEPTING A FIRST FIVE YEAR PERIOD IN WHICH UNILATERAL TERMINATION NOT POSSIBLE."

6. REMAINDER INTERVIEW DEVOTED TO OTHER ISSUES ONLY INDIRECTLY RELATING TO STATUS. MAJOR THRUST THESE COMMENTS TO EFFECT MICRONESIA, THROUGH SACRIFICE, HARD WORK, ETC. MUST BECOME MORE RELIANT.

7. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS TELEGRAPHIC LETTER TO HICOM RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR THIS WEEK'S EDITION STAR. EDITOR PROMISES IT WILL BE PRINTED IN FULL NEXT WEEK. NEXT ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS ALSO CARRYING FULL TEXT. DORRANCE

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