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UNCLAS. FROM PUB INFO DIVISION. INTERIOR FOR OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND ASST SECTY LOESCH. COMTWELVE FOR AMBRASSADOR 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. MICRONESIA STAR, DATED DECEMBER 11, REPORTS ON MEETING OF AMBASSADOR HUMMEL WITH SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. QUOTES FOLLOW: HUMMEL INDICATED THAT IF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT HAS THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET AND EXPLORE A SEPARATE STATUS WITH THE

PAGE TWO RUHGSAA4611 UNCLAS PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS. HOWEVER, HE SAID UNITED NATIONS APPROVAL MUST ALSO BE GRANTED. ENQUOTE. ARTICLE THEN RECALLS MARIANAS DISTRICT LEADERS' DESIRE FOR SECESSION EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND CONTINUES QUOTE: HOWEVER, MARIANA DELEGATES ON THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATING TEAM SO FAR HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE FOR FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. OBSERVERS SAY THIS IS BEING DONE IN RETURN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY AFTER THE CONGRESS ACHIEVES ITS GOAL. AMBASSADOR HUMMEL ALSO STATED THAT IF SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE MARIANAS TAKE PLACE, THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE ONLY WITH ELECTED LEADERS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, MOST ELECTED OFFICES IN THE MARIANAS ARE HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE

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PRO-SECESSIONIST POPULAR PARTY. HUMMEL INDICATED THAT THE VIEWS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND MINORITIES WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED. ENQUOTE. ARTICLE THEN OUTLINES HUMMEL'S AGENDA FOR THE DISTRICT, AND CONCLUDES WITH THE FOLLOWING GRAPH; QUOTE: THE AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO ASKED IF THE UNITED STATES WAS SETTING A BAD PRECEDENT BY LETTING A SINGLE DISTRICT NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE STATUS. HUMMEL REPLIED THIS WAS NOT SO... "BECAUSE THE MARIANAS HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION TO NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE STATUS BEFORE THE

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DECISION OF THE WHOLE (CONGRESS.)" HOWEVER SEVERAL CHAMBER MEMBERS QUESTIONED THIS ON THE GROUNDS THAT ANY DISTRICT THEN COULD NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE STATUS PROVIDED IT WAS "BEFORE THE DECISION OF THE WHOLE. ENQUOTE.

2. SAME PAPER ALSO REPORTS RESULTS OF A SURVEY OF 300 TT STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF GUAM CONDUCTED BY AMERICAN SAMOAN STUDENT THERE. STORY SAYS EACH QUESTIONNAIRE INCLUDED QUESTIONS AGE, SEX, AND ISLAND HOME OF EACH RESPONDENT, AND ASKED IF RESPONDENT WAS FAMILIAR WITH FIVE OPTIONS FOR FUTURE STATUS, INCLUDING: INDEPENDENCE, FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S., FREE ASSOCIATION WITH A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE U.S., MAINTAINING THE PRESENT STRATEGIC TRUST, AND INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS DECIDING THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE. RESULTS SHOWED, ACCORDING TO MICRO STAR STORY, 73 PERCENT INDICATED UNDERSTANDING WHILE 27 PERCENT WERE QUOTE EITHER CONFUSED OR DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE IDEAS. ENQUOTE. ARTICLE CONTINUES QUOTE: THE THIRD AND MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE SURVEY ASKED THE STUDENT TO CHOOSE THE FORM OF POLITICAL STATUS HE FAVORED FOR MICRONESIA. THE FIVE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED CHOICES WERE GIVEN AND A SPACE FOR "OTHER" CHOICES WAS PROVIDED. OF THE 300 RESPONDING STUDENTS AN

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OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF 244 (81 PERCENT) CHOSE FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE REST OF THE OPINIONS WERE MORE OR LESS EVENLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE REMAINING FIVE CATEGORIES, WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO DRAWING THE LEAST NUMBER OF VOTES (4). ENQUOTE. ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT SURVEY DOES NOT REPRESENT VIEWS OF MAJORITY OF MICRONESIANS, BUT IS AN INTERESTING INDICATOR OF THE FEELINGS OF MICRONESIA'S FUTURE LEADERS.

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3. SAME PAPER IN OPINION COLUMN RAISES QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS: WHAT HAPPENS IF ANOTHER DISTRICT RESIDES MARIANAS DECIDES IT WANTS TO NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE STATUS. WHY NO RESPONSE FROM CONGRESS TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH REQUESTS FOR BROADER PARTICIPATION (OUTSIDE CONGRESS) IN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. SAME COLUMN ALSO RECOUNTS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MICRO AND U.S. NEGOTIATORS SHAKING HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE AT END OF TALKS. INFORMATION ON THIS CAME FROM ROGER CORYELL, PHOTOGRAPHER AT HANA, WHO WROTE TO EDITOR OF MICRO STAR. CORYELL SUBSCRIBES TO MICRO STAR.

4. SAME PAPER CARRIES AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS LETTER TO HICOM CLARIFYING MILITARY LAND NEEDS.

5. PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, DECEMBER 10, CARRIES REPORT OF HUMMEL TALK TO SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WITH MIKE MALONE BYLINE, SAME STORY AS REPORTED FROM MICRO STAR ABOVE.

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