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UNCLAS. PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA FROM POLAD 3. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRODGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.  
SUBJECT: TTP1 FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS - PRESS COVERAGE  
1. JANUARY 6 EDITION GUAM PDN SECOND-PAGED LONG STORY ON SENATOR SALII'S JANUARY 4 PRESS CONFERENCE. STORY FILED FROM SAIPAN BY MIKE MALONE, AND SIMILAR TO THAT APPEARING IN JANUARY 4 MNS FILE. FOLLOWING ARE KEY ELEMENTS. \*WE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS AT

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MAUI, \* STATED PALAUAN SENATOR. \*I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT UPON CONGRESS TO REVIEW VERY CAREFULLY AMERICAN POSITION WITHOUT ANY BIAS GIVEN TO IT.\* ELSEWHERE SENATOR SALII QUOTED AS STATING NO CONSULTANTS WILL BE PRESENT WITH STATUS COMMITTEE AT NEXT ROUND OF TALKS, AND AS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MARIANAS RESOLUTION SEEKING SEPARATE TALKS WITH U.S. 2. JANUARY 1 EDITION DIDIL A CHAIS (PALAU DISTRICT NEWSPAPER) CARRIES SEVERAL ITEMS ON STATUS. (A) FULL TEXT OF EARLIER MNS STOJY WHICH SUMMARIZES IN DETAIL STATUS COMMITTEE DRAFT REPORT'S ANALYSIS OF U.S. POSITION AT HANA RELATIVE FOUR PRINCIPLES. (B) REPRINT OF EARLIER MICRONESIA STAR ARTICLE OUTLINING U.S. DEFENSE LAND REQUIREMENTS IN MICRONESIA

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AS SET OUT IN HANA TRANSCRIPT (C) TWO PAGE STORY ON AMBASSADOR HUMMEL'S VISIT TO MELEKEOK VILLAGE IN PALAU ON DECEMBER 9. STORY FAIRLY ACCURATE AND NOT UNFRIENDLY. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS REPORTING EXCHANGE BETWEEN MUNICIPAL LEADERS FROM MELEKEOK AND AMBASSADOR HUMMEL. 3. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT AND TRIED TO DISCUSS HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST STATUS NEGOTIATION HELD IN HANA, MAUI IN EARLY OCTOBER. HE INDICATED TO NATIVE AUDIENCE THAT "AMERICAN SIDE TOOK A MORE SERIOUS LOOK" IN NEGOTIATION TALK. REGARDING FOUR

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PRINCIPLES THAT MICRONESIAN DELEGATION MAINTAINS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE RIGHTS, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THREE OF THESE PRINCIPLES WERE PRETTY MUCH AGREED TO BY THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, FOURTH PRINCIPLE CONCERNING UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WAS NOT AGREED TO BY UNITED STATES. 4. IN TALKING ABOUT MUCH DISCUSSED SUBJECT ON LAND, AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT MICRONESIA DELEGATION CAME OUT WITH NEW PROPOSAL REGARDING LAND IN MICRONESIA. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, MICRONESIAN DELEGATION INSISTED ALL LAND IN MICRONESIA BE RETURNED TO PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, AND THAT EMINENT DOMAIN BE NULLIFIED. DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, AMBASSADOR ASKED AUDIENCE IF THEY HEARD RESULT OF STATUS TALK EITHER THROUGH LOCAL RADIO STATION OR NEWSPAPER. PEOPLE NODDED THEIR HEAD IN UNISON. IN ADDITION AMBASSADOR WANTED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY HAD HEARD. 5. RESPONDING, ONE MAGISTRATE TOLD HIM U.S. WILL RETURN ALL LAND TO MICRONESIANS BUT U.S. WILL RETAIN "RIGHT" TO USE ANY LAND FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. QUICKLY AMBASSADOR CANDIDLY ASSERTED THE "UNITED STATES HAS THREE LAND REQUIREMENTS IN MICRONESIA. THESE ARE MARSHALLS, MARIANAS, AND

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PALAU. IN PALAU, U.S. WANTS AN OPTION TO LEASE LAND AT SOME FUTURE DATE. HE TRIED TO ASSURE PEOPLE THAT WHEN TIME COMES FOR U.S. TO USE THEIR LAND, IT WILL NEGOTIATED UPON AND WILL BE USED WITH CONSENT OF PEOPLE. AMBASSADOR CLAIMED, "WE PROMISE THAT U.S. WILL NOT TAKE ANY LAND IN PALAU NOW FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. ANY LAND THAT WILL BE USED IN FUTURE WILL BE THROUGH CONSENT OF PEOPLE. U.S. WILL NOT TAKE MORE THAN

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WHAT IS NEEDED". 6. A QUESTION WAS RAISED BY THE MAGISTRATE OF NGIWAL IN REGARD TO THE VALIDITY OF OWNERSHIP OF LAND BOUGHT OR OWNED BY THE JAPANESE OR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BUT NOW HAS BEEN RETURNED TO PEOPLE. IN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION AMBASSADOR NOTED QUESTION IS COMPLICATED AND DECISION WILL BE SETTLED BY NEW MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING LOCAL CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, AND SET-UP OF NEW GOVERNMENT. HE FURTHER REMARKED THAT NEW MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME ALL POWER TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT NOW HOLDS. "I ADMIT U.S. HAD MADE MANY MISTAKES IN PAST OPERATION OF TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, BUT ALL THESE DECISION AND RESPONSIBILITIES WILL REVERT TO MICRONESIANS WHEN NEW

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7. MAGISTRATE FROM NGCHESAR ASKED WHETHER U.S. WILL TAKE LAND FOR MILITARY PURPOSE BEFORE STATUS OF MICRONESIA IS SETTLED. TO THIS AMBASSADOR REMARKED ANY U.S. LAND REQUIREMENT WILL HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH PEOPLE. HE FURTHER STATED U.S. WILL NOT BUY LAND BUT WILL LEASE LAND. " IN MARIANAS, SOMETHING MAY BE BUILT IN A YEAR OR TWO, HOWEVER, IN PALAU WE ARE ONLY SPEAKING OF OPTIONS IN FUTURE" HE SAID. A QUESTION ON VALIDITY OF THE QUIT CLAIMS THAT HAS BEEN PROCESSED AND WHETHER OR NOT U.S. WILL GIVE ASSURANCE DEEDS WILL BE BINDING EVEN AFTER THE NEW MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT IS CREATED. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THIS SITUATION WAS NOT DISCUSSED DURING HANA TALK. "WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE THIS ASSURANCE IF MICRONESIAN DELEGATION SO REQUEST, PROCEDURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN A LEGAL CONTRACT," THE AMBASSADOR SAID.  
8. WRAPPING UP MEETING, HIGH CHIEF REKLAI SAID, "1967 I PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT I WANT MILITARY TO COME TO MELEKEOK. I WANT THOSE MEN THAT ARE NOT INVOLVED IN FIGHTING, BUT THOSE MILITARY PERSONNEL THAT ARE INVOLVED IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT."

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AMBASSADOR THANKED THE HIGH CHIEF FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ADDED, "BUT I AM AFRAID TO MAKE ANYMORE PROMISES."

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