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PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA
FROM POLAD 40. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND L/UNA. COMTWELVE FOR AMRASSADOR
WILLIAMS. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS.
SUBJECT: TTPI CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND TTPI TERRITORIAL LIMITS.
REF: POLAD 33 (DISTAD PALAU 270849Z JAN)
1. REFTEL REPORTED ON SUBMISSION IN CONGRESS OF S.J.R. 69,
WHICH WOULD EMBRACE ALL WATERS AROUND TTPI ISLANDS WITHIN TERRITORIAL
LIMITS, AND S.B. 178 ESTABLISHING A NINE-MILE FISHERIES ZONE
CONTIGUOUS TO PRESENT THREE MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT. ON S.J.R.

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69 IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INTENT OF RESOLUTION'S SPONSORS IS TO
ESTABLISH A PRINCIPLE. THOSE CONCERNED UNDERSTAND RASOLUTION CAN HAVE
NO LEGAL EFFECT AND IS UNENFORCABLE. HOWEVER, CONCERNED LEGISLATORS
ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN "ARCHIPELAGO THEORY" OF TERRITORIAL LIMITS.
REFTEL INDICATED THAT RESOLUTION DRAWS LINE AROUND WHOLE OF TTPI
AS USUALLY SHOWN ON PACIFIC MAPS. HOWEVER, AM INFORMED BY
LAWYER WHO DRAFTED RESOLUTION THAT GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS SPELLED OUT IN
DETAIL IN RESOLUTION IN FACT REPRESENT SEPARATE TERRITORIAL LIMITS
ZONES
AROUND VARIDUS ISLAND GROUPS OF MICRONESIA. DO NOT HAVE MAP ADEQUATE
TO CHECKING OUT GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES IN RESOLUTION, BUT ASSUME

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THOSE INTERESTED IN STATE AND INTERIOR CAN DO SO WHEN RESOLUTION RECEIVED BY MAIL (COPIES AIRMAILED YESTERDAY TO IO/INP).

2. RE S.R. 178, LAWYER WHO DRAFT BILL STATES THAT IT PARALLELS EXACTLY SIMILAR U.S. LEGISLATION. BASED ON TEXT PROVIDED REFTEL, STATE OR INTERIOR SHOULD ADVISE SOONEST IF BILL AS WRITTEN IN ANY WAY UNACCEPTABLE.

3. WAS UNAWARE OF IT AT REFTEL DISPATCHED, BUT A THIRD BILL ON TERRITORIAL LIMITS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE JANUARY 21 BY VICE SPEAKER HENRY SAMUEL (MARSHALLS). H.B. 182 WOULD EXTEND TERRITORIAL LIMITS TO TWO HUNDRED MARINE MILES BY AMENDING SUBSECTION

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(3), SECTION 101, TITLE 19, CHAPTER THREE OF TTPI CODE TO CHANGE WORDS "THREE MARINE MILES" TO "TWO HUNDRED MARINE MILES." AGAIN THOSE CONCERNED IN CONGRESS FULLY AWARE SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE AND, AS A BILL, WOULD HAVE TO BE VETTED IF ADOPTED. DORRANCE

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