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PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR ASST. SECRETARY LOESCH, PLM. (INFO FOR MR. ROY HUGHES, SECINTERIOR'S OFFICER, AND MR. RADEWAGEN, DASTA OFFICE)

SUBJECT: TTP1 CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA -- ADVISE AND CONSENT AUTHORITY

REF: HICOMTERPACIS POLAD MESSAGE 450

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DASTA CARPENTER.

2. AS RESULT OF DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON ADVISE AND CONSENT BILL WITH HICOM AND KEY MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF I AM PERSUADED HICOM SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT VETO BILL. I BELIEVE WE CAN LIVE WITH IT WITHOUT ANY GREAT DIFFICULTY. EVEN MORE COMPELLING, HOWEVER, IS FACT THAT A HICOM VETO WILL TEND TO FURTHER EXACERBATE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES IN THIS DELICATE PERIOD BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MICRONESIANS BELIEVE MUST REACH FINAL DECISIONS.

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3. POINTS MADE IN REFTEL ARE WELL-TAKEN, PARTICULARLY FACT THAT BILL IS REASONABLE IN SO FAR AS IT WILL REALLY AFFECT SMALL NUMBER OF KEY AMERICAN POSITION SINCE BILL IS EXPECTED TO PASS SHORTLY HICOM SHOULD BE ADVISED OF INTERIOR'S POSITION IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. MESSAGE PREPARED FEBRUARY 6. DORRANCE

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