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C O N F I D E N T I A L
PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA
FROM POLAD 53C. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. COMTWELVE FOR
AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR
MR. HOLDRIDGE (NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.
SUBJECT: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS
1. EVENING FEBRUARY 5 DASTA CARPENTER AND SELF HAD LONG CONVERSATION
WITH [unclear] WHO TEMPORARILY [unclear] B1, A5
BACK ON SAIPAN FROM PALAU. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS MADE [unclear] B1, A5
A. STATUS COMMITTEE IN PARTICULAR AND CONGRESS IN GENERAL ANXIOUS
CONCLUDE BASIC AGREEMENT ON STATUS AT NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. BOTH

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CONGRESS AND MICRONESIAN PEOPLE TIRED OF AND FRUSTRATED WITH
PROTRACTED NATURE THESE NEGOTIATIONS. FURTHER, MODERATES ARE
CONCERNED THAT THEY MAY BE LOSING GROUND AND CANNOT LONG
CONTINUE CONTROL SITUATION.
B. SPEAKING OF TRANSITIONAL PERIOD BETWEEN BASIC AGREEMENT ON STATUS
AND TERMINATION TRUSTEESHIP, STATUS COMMITTEE WILL HAVE B1, A5
FIRM PROPOSALS ON TRANSITIONAL STEPS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT ROUND
OF TALKS. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION FOLLOWING DASTA CARPENTER'S
DEPARTURE, [unclear] MAY MAKE THESE PROPOSALS AVAILABLE TO B1, A5
AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS OR HUMMEL PRIOR TO APRIL TALKS. THIS WOULD
BE DONE INFORMALLY AND NOT NECESSARILY WITH KNOWLEDGE OF STATUS



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COMMITTEE.)

C. ON LENGTH OF TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, [] SOMEWHAT VAGUE, BUT INDICATED STATUS COMMITTEE THINKING IN TERMS OF TWO OR THREE YEARS BUT FLEXIBLE ON SUBJECT. AT ONE POINT, HE SUGGESTED FIRST STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT END OF THIS YEAR, WITH MAJOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 1973 AND 1974, AND TERMINATION SOMETIME IN 1975.

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D. HE SUGGESTED THAT, ONCE BASIC AGREEMENT ON STATUS REACHED, IT WILL BE DESIRABLE ESTABLISH JOINT U.S. MICRONESIAN OFFICE IN

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INTERIOR) TO OVERSEE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. E. AS ONE MAJOR TRANSITIONAL STEP, HE PRESSED HARD FOR ESTABLISHMENT MICRONESIAN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY UNDER AN AMERICAN HICOM WHO WOULD REMAIN TO SYMBOLIZE U.S. PRESENCE UNDER TRUSTEESHIP AND RETAIN RESERVE POWERS. []

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE COULD BE AN ELECTED INDIVIDUAL OR AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SEVERAL MEMBERS. HE EMPHASIZED KEY TO THIS STEP IS TURNOVER OF POLICY-MAKING MACHINERY TO MICRONESIANS. AMERICANS WOULD STILL BE NEEDED IN OPERATIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS. IN DISCUSSING THIS CONCEPT,

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REFERRED TO ARRANGEMENTS IN RYUKYU ISLANDS WHICH HAD BEEN OBSERVED BY FORMER STATUS COMMISSION DURING 1969 VISIT TO OKINAWA. OTHER KEY MEMBERS PRESENT STATUS COMMITTEE) STRONGLY AND FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THOSE ARRANGEMENTS.

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F. IN DISCUSSION PLEBISCITE ON STATUS, [] STATUS COMMITTEE FLEXIBLE ON CONTENT AND TIMING, BUT MAY BE THINKING OF ONE IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE RATHER THAN ON EVE OF TERMINATION. ASKED ABOUT NATURE OF PLEBISCITE, AT FIRST HE SAID IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE "YES" OR "NO" VOTE ON FREE ASSOCIATION, BUT THEN BACKED OFF AND

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SAID INDEPENDENCE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE AN OPTION. 2. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE DASTA CARPENTER, CONVERSATION CONTINUED

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MADE SEVERAL FURTHER POINTS. A. HE CONFIRMED STATUS COMMITTEE WILL HAVE AMERICAN LEGAL ADVISOR PRESENT AT NEXT ROUND OF TALKS REGARDING OTHER ADVISORS, THERE IS

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SOME SENTIMENT FOR HAVING PROF. JAMES DAVIDSON PRESENT, BUT MOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HAVING PRESENT EITHER DR. GALDWIN OR DR. MIHALY.

B. ASKED WHAT COMMITTEE'S THINKING IS ON TIMING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, [] THERE NOW IS STRONG SENTIMENT IN STATUS B1, A5
COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPING A COMPACT FOR ASSOCIATION WHICH COULD ALSO SERVE AS MICRONESIA'S CONSTITUTION. IN THIS MANNER ISSUE OF WHICH SHOULD BE SUPREME, CONSTITUTION OR COMPACT, COULD BE FINESSED. (IT WAS CLEAR FROM [] THAT STATUS B1, A5
COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET GIVEN MATTER ATTENTION IT DESERVES.)

3. MESSAGE PREPARED FEBRUARY 6. DORRANCE
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