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REF: POLAD 53C 1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DASTA CARPENTER. 2. CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 5 WITH AS REPORTED PEFTEL. INCLUDED TWO INTERESTING MAJOR POINTS. FIRST TS. IF BE BELIEVED, MICRONESIANS ARE FED UP WITH PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS ON STATUS AND VERY MUCH WANT TO REACH AGREEMENT AT APRIL TALKS. DUE

PAGE TWO RUHJOSA9520 C O N F I D E N T I A L TO DEVIOUS DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN MICRONESIAN STATUS GROUP THIS MAY NOT BE AS EASY AS HEINE PUTS IT. HOWEVER, IT IS DOUBTLESS TRUE THAT MICRONESTANS AS A WHOLE ARE TIRED OF PROLONGING THE MATTER AND THEIR STATUS GROUP WILL BE PREPARED TO SETTLE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. SECOND POINT IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. ACCORDING SERIOUS THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AFTER AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN PRINCIPLE. HE WAS A LITTLE VAGUE ON THE TIME-FRAME OF ANY SUCH PERIOD BEFORE ANY AGREEMENT WILL GO INTO EF-FECT -- AT THE POINT HE INDICATED TWO TO THREE YEARS AND AT ANOTHER HE SAID THERE COULD BE SOME FLEXIPILITY ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE. BE



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THAT AS IT MAY, HIS SPECIFIC PROPOSIL FOR A MICRONESIAN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT HEADTO BY A MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE DURING THIS PERIOD HAS CONSIDERABLE MERIT. CERTAINLY IT WORKED AND WORKED WELL IN THE RYUKYUS AND IT WOULD HELP TO TAKE THE HEAT OFF THE U.S. DURING WHAT WILL BE A RATHER DELICATE PERIOD. 4. WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS FACT THAT, THOUGHTS REPRESENT CONSENSUS OF MICRONESIAN STATUS GROUP, THE WHOLE QUESTION OF TRANSITIONAL MEASURES CAN WELL ARISE AT NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. U.S. SIDE SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT 1TS OWN PROPOSALS AT THAT TIME.

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