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PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA
 FROM POLAD 58C. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR
 WILLIAMS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE (INSC). DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA
 AND JCS. CINCPAC FOR POLAD.

SUBJECT: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS -- MARIANAS DISTRICT
 1. DURING FEBRUARY 11 (MY TIME) TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR
 HUMMEL, QUESTION CAME UP WHETHER CONCERN FOR LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT AND
 REVENUES WHICH WOULD FLOW FROM SHIFT OF MICRONESIAN CAPITAL FROM SAI-
 PAN TO ANOTHER DISTRICT MIGHT NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTING EXISTING
 SENTIMENT IN MARIANAS FOR SEPARATE STATUS AND PERMANENT ASSOCIATION

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WITH U.S.. AS INDICATED ON TELEPHONE, I HAVE DISCERNED ABSOLUTELY
 NO REPEAT NO SHIFT IN ATTITUDES ON PART KEY CONGRESSIONAL AND
 DISTRICT LEADERS WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AWARE OF THIS POTENTIAL PROBL-
 EM. IN POINT OF FACT, VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS DURING CURRENT CONGRE-
 SSIONAL SESSION HAVE, IF ANYTHING, TENDED REINFORCE (WITHIN MARI-
 ANAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION) SENTIMENT FOR SEPARATE STATUS.

2. IT MIGHT BE POINTED OUT THAT ALL ALONG SUCH SENTIMENT AS HAS
 EXISTED FOR REMAINING WITH REST OF MICRONESIA HAS CENTERED ON THREE
 GROUPS: (A) LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHICH FEARS LOSS OF REVENUES
 ASSOCIATED WITH LOSS OF MICRONESIAN CAPITAL; (B) TTPI ADMIN.

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STATION EMPLOYEES WHO FEAR LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT; AND (C) CAROLINEAN COMMUNITY WHICH FEARS DOMINATION BY CHAMORRO MAJORITY. RECENT HIGHLIGHTING OF POTENTIAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FLOWING FROM SEPARATE STATUS PROBABLY HAS HARDENED ATTITUDES OF THESE GROUPS, BUT ON OTHER HAND DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE WON ANY CONVERTS TO THEIR CAUSE. FURTHER, EVEN THESE THREE CATEGORIES FOR MOST PART FAVOR CLOSE AND PERMANENT ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. AND PROBABLY WILL GO ALONG WITH SEPARATE SETTLEMENT ONCE THEY BECOME CONVINCED THAT SUCH STATUS NOT POSSIBLE IN UNION WITH REST OF MICRONESIA. TOO, FORTHCOMING REVELATION OF MAJOR AND EARLY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES ON TINIAN ISLAND (WHICH SHOULD

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IN LARGE MEASURE COUNTERBALANCE ANY SLACK IN EMPLOYMENT AND REVENUE FLOWING FROM A CAPITAL SITE SHIFT) WILL PROBABLY BE SEEN AS A COMPENSATING FACTOR
IN EYES OF THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT SHIFT OF CAPITAL.
3. MESSAGE PREPARED FEBRUARY 11. DORRANCE
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