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PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA  
FROM POLAD 65. 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-CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON ELECTED DISTADS  
1. EARLIER MESSAGES REPORTED INTRODUCTION IN HOUSE AND SENATE  
OF IDENTICAL BILLS PROVIDING FOR FLECTIVE DISTADS WHO WOULD,  
HOWEVER, REMAIN RESPONSIBLE TO HICOM AS ARE PRESENT APPOINTED  
DISTADS.

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2. FEBRUARY 17 HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTED TO HOUSE  
ON H.B. 154 AND RECOMMENDED AGAINST ADOPTION ELECTED DISTAD  
LEGISLATION AT THIS TIME OWING (A) FUTURE  
POLITICAL STATUS IMPLICATIONS OF MEASURE, AND (B) ABSENCE OF  
CHARTERED DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS AND FACT THAT PRESENT DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIONS ARE NO MORE THAN SURDIVISIONS OF TTPI HEAD-  
QUARTERS WOULD PLACE ELECTED DISTADS IN UNTENABLE POSITION OF  
HAVING TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO HICOM AND ELECTORATE AT SAME TIME.  
3. HOWEVER, COMMITTEE REPORTS STILL PROVIDES STRONG  
SUPPORT TO PRINCIPLE OF ELECTED DISTRICT EXECUTIVE AND THER-  
EFORE -QUITE LOGICALLY IN MY VIEW) PROPOSES CONGRESS AS FIRST STEP

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IN THAT DIRECTION TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES TO CALL CHARTER (CONSTITUTIONAL) CONVENTIONS FOR PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING NECESSARY FRAMEWORK FOR ELECTIVE DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS.

4. ABOVE HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION PROBABLY ASSURES DEATH IN CURRENT SESSION OF ELECTIVE DISTRICT BILLS IN THEIR PRESENT FORM. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE EARLY FOLLOWUP ON RECOMMENDATION CITED PARA THREE ABOVE. H.B. 225 INTRODUCED II HOUSE BY REP. WILLIANDER (TRUK) SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FOR DISTRICT

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LEGISLATURES TO CALL CHARTER CONVENTIONS TO DRAFT DISTRICT CHARTERS (CONSTITUTIONS) WHICH WOULD HAVE TO (A) GIVE RECOGNITION TO SEPARATION OF POWERS CONCEPT; (C) BE CONSISTENT WITH UN CHARTER, TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND SECRETARIAL ORDERS; AND (C) GUARANTEE A "REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT." CHARTERS WOULD THEN BE TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT BODY WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO "AMEND OR MODIFY" CHARTER IN ANY WAY PRIOR TO ITS BECOMING EFFECTIVE. DORRANCE

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