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SUBJECT: TTPI CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND TERRITORIAL LIMITS

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(B) POLAD 73

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1. REFTEL (A) REPORTED SENATE PASSAGE OF S.B. 178 WHICH PROVIDES FOR NINE MILES FISHERIES ZONE CONTIGUOUS TO THREE MILE TERRITORIALS LIMIT. REFTEL (B) REPORTED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AGAINST ADOPTION H.B. 182 WHICH WOULD EXTEND PRESENT THREE MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT TO TWO HUNDRED MILES. EARLIER MESSAGES REPORTED INTRODUCTION IN SENATE OF S.J.R. 69 WHICH RESOLVES THAT "CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HEREBY DECLARES THAT PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA HEREBY CLAIM TERRITORIAL RIGHTS OVER ALL OF ISLANDS AND WATERS WITHIN BORDERS OF MICRONESIA...

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RESOLUTION THEN LAYS OUT MAP COORDINATES EMBRACING ALL OF WATERS SURROUNDING MICRONESIA.

2. RESOLUTION, WHICH INTRODUCED BY ALL MEMBERS SENATE EXCEPT BAILEY OLTER (WHO APPARENTLY NOT AVAILABLE TO SIGN AT THAT TIME), ADOPTED BY SENATE AND TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE FEBRUARY 18. HOWEVER, MEASURE IS A RESOLUTION RATHER THAN A BILL AND THEREFORE EVEN IF ENACTED WILL BE NO MORE THAN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE WITHOUT FORCE OF LAW.

3. SENATE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH FAVORABLY REPORTED RESOLUTION OUT OF COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 18, DATE OF RESOLUTIONS SENATE PASSAGE, HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SELF AND OTHER OFFICIALS HERE THAT CLAIM LAID OUT IN RESOLUTION WENT FAR BEYOND ANY

PAGE THREE RUHGSAA4719 UNCLAS ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS RELATING TO TERRITORIAL SEAS AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY ANY OTHER NATION. APPARENTLY ALLUDING TO THIS TESTIMONY, COMMITTEE REPORT IN PART STATES: COMMITTEE IS OF OPINION THAT U.S. INSISTENCE UPON A SMALL FIXED DISTANCE TERRITORIAL WATER LIMIT FOR MICRONESIA IS BASED ON ITS OWN TUNA INDUSTRY INSPIRED DESIRE TO PRESERVE MICRONESIA'S WATERS FOR LEISURELY EXPLOITATION BY U.S. FISHING INDUSTRY RATHER THAN AN HONEST CONCERN FOR RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, AS WOULD BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH SPIRIT AND LETTER OF TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT . " ALSO: "YOUR COMMITTEE FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE WORLD THAT MICRONESIA DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY TERRITORIAL WATER LIMIT ESTABLISHED WITHOUT CONSENT OF PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA." COMMITTEE REPORTED SIGNED BY SENATORS NAKAYAMA, IESHI, LANWI BORJA. COMMITTEE REPORT AND RESOLUTION BEING AIRMAILED TO OSNO DORRANCE .

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