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SSADOR WILLIAMS. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE
FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE (INSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.
SUBJECT--CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA
1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT REMARKS BY SENATOR LAZARUS SALII
ON FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA, IN THE SENATE, ON FEBRUARY 23.
2. BEGIN TEXT. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS A FEW REMARKS TO
SENATE THIS AFTERNOON CONCERNING A VERY DEDICATED GROUP OF YOUNG

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PEOPLE. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS,
SOME ARE FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE TT GOVT., AND STILL OTHERS ARE JUST
CONCERNED CITIZENS. THEY ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE, BUT THEY ARE GROUP
OF PEOPLE WITH A PURPOSE. THEY ARE THE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA.
3. I AM AWARE THAT IN PAST MONTHS THIS GROUP HAS COME
UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS. MOST OF CRITICISM, IT SEEMS,
CAME SHORTLY AFTER RECENTLY CONCLUDED THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS
HLD AT HANA WHEN FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA RELEASED SOME MATERIAL
THAT BROUGHT SOME AMUSING OVERREACTION BY CERTAIN OFFICIALS HERE
IN TRUST TERRITORY. LET US NOT, HOWEVER, LOOK TOO LONG AT THIS
CRITICISM. OVEREXUBERANCE OF FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA IS EASY FOR US

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TO UNDERSTAND. IS THERE ONE OF US HERE IN THIS CHAMBER WHO HAS NOT, ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS ACTION OF IT OR U.S. GOVERNMENT?

4. FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA TOO ARE HUMAN BEINGS AND CANNOT AVOID GETTING ABITATED ON SOME OCCASIONS. I ONLY ASK THAT WE MEMBERS RECOGNIE VALUABLE SERVICE THAT THIS GROUP AND ITS DEDICATED MEMBERS PERFORM. IN FIRST PLACE, FRIENDS ARE ONLY ORGANIZED GROUP IN U.S. THAT I KNOW OF WHICH TAKES ANY INTEREST IN MICRONESIA AND PROBLEMS WE FACE AS RESULT OF

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TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT AND U.S. ADMINISTRATION OF MICRONESIA.. THEY BRING OUR PROBLEMS TO ATTENTION OF GOVT. OF U.S., AND TO PEOPLE OF US, WHICH NO OTHER AMERICANS ARE DOING IN AN ORGANIZED FASHION, AND WHICH WE HERE IN MICRONESIA, BY VIRTUE OF OUR DISTANT LOCATION, ARE NOT CAPABLE OF DOING. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SYMPATHETIC PRESS COVERAGE WITH REGARD TO MICRONESIA'S PROBLEMS, WHICH WOULD NEVER OCCUR IF DEPT. OF INTERIOR WERE ONLY SOURCE FOR NEWS FROM TRUST TERRITORY IN THE U.S. SECONDLY, THEY WANT TO HELP. AND CONTRARY TO OPINIONS OF SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THEM IN THE PAST, THEY ARE HELPING. AND THAT IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AND EVEN HERE IN TRUST TERRITORY.

5. LET US NOT CRITICIZE THESE PEOPLE. LET US SUPPORT THEM, AND ENCOURAGE THEM IN THEIR ENTHUSIASM, FOR THEY -- NOT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, NOT THE MAN BEHIND THE DESK AT THE DEPT. OF INTERIOR, ARE TRULY THE REAL "FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA" AND I AM GLAD TO HAVE THEM ON OUR SIDE. END TEXT. DORRANCE

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