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PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA  
FROM POLAD 69C. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. COMTWELVE FOR AMRASSADOR  
WILLIAMS. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE  
(NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.  
SUBJECT: TTPI - FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS  
REF: POLAD 60  
1. MARIANAS STATUS.

--- IN LONG CONVERSATION TODAY (FEBRUARY 17)  
ADVISED ME THERE HAS BEEN MAJOR SHIFT IN MARIANAS DELEGATION TACTICS  
WITH RESPECT THEIR GOAL OF SEPARATE STATUS TALKS FOR MARIANAS.

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THEIR CONTINUING READINGS OF PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES  
HAVE CONVINCED THEM THAT ANY RESOLUTION ENDORSING SEPARATE TALKS,  
IF INTRODUCED AT THIS TIME, WOULD RUN RISK OF DEFEAT (EVEN THOUGH  
STATUS COMMITTEE HAD EARLIER GIVEN INFORMAL BLESSING TO SUCH A MOVE).  
CONSEQUENTLY, AFTER CONSULTING WITH STATUS COMMITTEE, MARIANAS  
DELEGATION HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT SUBMIT ITS "MINORITY" STATUS  
REPORT OR INTRODUCE ANY RESOLUTION ON SEPARATE TALKS AT THIS  
SESSION OF CONGRESS. HOWEVER, QUESTION OF SEPARATE STATUS FOR  
MARIANAS WILL BE BROUGHT UP BY STATUS COMMITTEE AT APRIL TALKS, AND

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U.S. DELEGATION PROBABLY WILL BE ASKED BY STATUS COMMITTEE WHETHER U.S. PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY WITH MARIANAS WITH VIEW TO SEPARATE STATUS ARRANGEMENT. THIS WOULD BE COUPLED WITH STATEMENT OF MARIANAS ASPIRATIONS FOR PERMANENT ASSOCIATION -- HOPEFULLY FROM SALII BUT IF NECESSARY BY PANGELINAN OR GUERRERO. THESE MOVES (AND U.S. RESPONSES) WILL THEN BE REPORTED TO NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS (PRESENTLY ANTICIPATED TO BE A SPECIAL SESSION IN PONAPE IN JULY), TOGETHER WITH INTRODUCTION LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING SEPARATE TALKS, 2. [REDACTED] CLEARLY ANNOYED WITH THIS FURTHER DELAY IN ESTABLISHING FOUNDATION FOR SEPARATE TALKS, [REDACTED] SAID "THIS IS PROBABLY LAST TIME (APRIL TALKS) WE WILL BE PREPARED GO ALONG WITH REST OF DISTRICTS IN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS." BOTH DID,

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 HOWEVER, EXPRESS FULL UNDERSTANDING OUR REQUIREMENT FOR INITIATIVE FOR SEPARATE TALKS AND STATUS TO COME FROM MICRONESIAN SIDE, PREFERABLY BY FORMAL ACTION OF BOTH STATUS COMMITTEE AND CONGRESS. OF SOME INTEREST, BOTH ASKED ME FOR SPECIFIC REASSURANCES THAT U.S. WOULD RESPOND IN POSITIVE MANNER TO REQUEST FOR SEPARATE TALKS, AND WOULD ALSO "BACKUP MARIANAS IN UN" ON SEPARATE ASPIRATIONS AND STATUS. I PROVIDED SUCH ASSURANCES BY REFERRING THEM TO AMBASSADOR

HUMMEL'S POINTED REMARKS ON THESE SUBJECTS DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH MARIANAS DELEGATION ON SAIPAN IN DECEMBER. ALSO OF NOTE, CONTRARY

TO EARLIER REMARKS-BY [REDACTED] THEY NOW APPARENTLY ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF MARIANAS STATUS TALKS BEING WHOLLY OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OR CONTEXT OF STATUS COMMITTEE.

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3. STATUS COMMITTEE NEGOTIATING MANDATE. POLAD 60 REPORTED INTRODUCTION IN SENATE OF SJR 91 WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WILL PROVIDE STATUS COMMITTEE WITH SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. PASSAGE SEEMS ASSURED FOLLOWING SOME DEBATE. AS CAUTIONARY NOTE, I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS STATUS COMMITTEE IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS HAVE CLEARLY SIGNALLED RESOLUTION NOT REPEAT NOT DESIGNED OR INTENDED PERMIT ANY BASIC COMPROMISE ON FOUR PRINCIPLES. RATHER IT WILL PERMIT STATUS COMMITTEE CONSIDERABLE

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LEEWAY IN INTERPRETATION THEREOF AND ALSO ALLOW COMMITTEE NEGOTIATE  
COMPACT WITHOUT FUTURE REFERENCE TO CONGRESS (THOUGH ANY COMPACT  
AGREED UPON WITH U.S. DELEGATION WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO  
CONGRESS MICRONESIA AND ULTIMATELY MICRONESIAN PEOPLE FOR FINAL  
APPROVAL).

4. RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN LIEU OF SALII'S DRAFT  
COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION. IN THIS REGARD, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE  
[ ] HAVE TOLD ME SWITCH IN TACTICS BECAME NECESSARY  
WHEN COMMITTEE IN END FOUND ITSELF UNABLE AGREE ON SEVERAL POINTS  
IN DRAFT COMPACT. HOWEVER, THEY MADE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT  
BUT THAT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A COMMON POSITION ON ITS DRAFT COMPACT  
PRIOR TO APRIL STATUS TALKS.

5. INDEPENDENCE COALITION. COALITION STILL HAS NOT ISSUED IT PUBLIC  
STATEMENT ON ITS NEW POSITION RELATIVE FUTURE STATUS. DELAY APPARENT  
FLOWS NOT REPEAT NOT FROM ANY PROBLEMS ARISING FROM SUBSTANCE OF  
STATEMENT BUT RATHER FROM RELUCTANCE SOME MEMBERS ASSOCIATE THEMSELVE  
IN ANY WAY ANY FURTHER WITH COALITION. [ ]

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6. MESSAGE PREPARED FEBRUARY 17 IN PALAU. DORRANCE —  
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