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PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DATA
FROM POLAD 95C. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. COMTWELVE FOR AMRASSADOR
WILLIAMS. DEFENCE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE
(NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.
SUBJECT: TTPI FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND MARSHALLESE SEPARATISM
REF: POLAD 87C

1. EVENTS HERE RELATING TO MARSHALESE SEPARATIST TENDENCIES
NOW COMING TO A HEAD. REFTEL AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES HAVE REMARKED
ON EMOTIONS LINKED TO H.B. 183 WHICH PROVIDES FOR REBATE OF FIFTY
PERCENT OF INCOME TAXES TO DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN. BILL AGAIN SURFACED
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HOUSE FEBRUARY 23 AND, FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF OFF AND ON HEATED DE-
BATE,
WAS DEFEATED FEBRUARY 24. TRUKESE WERE IN FOREFRONT OPPOSITION,
SUPPORTED BY PONAPEANS, YAPESE, AND A SPLIT IN PALAUAN DELEGATION.
COINCIDENTLY, DESTAD MARSHALLS AND LEADERS FROM MARSHALLESE DISTRICT
LEGISLATURE ARRIVED KOROR FEBRUARY 23 AND HAVE BEEN MEETING
WITH MARSHALLESE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES.
OUTCOME NOT YET CLEAR, BUT I MAY HAVE WORD IN DAY OR SO OF ANY

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SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS.

2. ONE OUTCOME MAY BECOME EVIDENT IN HOUSE SESSION LATER TODAY. REP. DOMNICK TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE MAY GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE RESOLUTION IN HOUSE TODAY OR THIS WEEKEND WHICH, IF ENACTED, WOULD AUTHORIZE ANY DISTRICT HOLD SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S.. HE MAINTAINS SUCH ACTION WOULD BE DESIGNED ONLY TO PUT OTHER DISTRICTS ON NOTICE RE DEPTH MARSHALLESE CONCERNS OVER REVENUE-SHARING AND OTHER DIVISIVE ISSUES. BUT RESOLUTION WOULD NOT BE PUT TO VOTE.

3. MEANWHILE, SPLIT HAS ALSO OCCURED IN MARSHALLESE DELEGATION. REP. SILK AND SENATOR LANWI (TWO MARSHALLESE MEMBERS STAUS COMMITTEE) HAVE ADVISED ME THAT THEY ARE RELUCTANT GO ALONG WITH ACTIONS OF KABUA, DOMNICK AND OTHER MEMBERS THEIR DELEGATION IF THEY ARE TO BE PRESSED TO A SHOWDOWN. THOUGH THEY SUPPORT PRINCIPLE OF H.B. 183,

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THEY PREFER TO AVOID MAKING MAJOR ISSUE OF MATTER AT THIS TIME.

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(C) THEY ALSO FEAR MARSHALLESE SEPARATION WOULD STRENGTHEN HAND OF IROIJ (TRADITIONAL LEADERS) LIKE KABUA VIS-A-VIS ORDINARY PEOPLE IN MARSHALLES.

(D) FINALLY, IF SEPARATION MUST COME, THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES OF COMPROMISE ON VARIOUS ISSUES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED BEFOREHAND.

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4. SILK ALSO POINTS OUT PARTIAL CAUSE OF PRESENT PEAKING OF SEPARATIST MOVES AND TENDENCIES ON PART OF KABUA AND OTHER MEMBERS MARSHALLESE DELEGATION. KABUA'S PIQUE WITH CONGRESS OVER FACT THAT HIS LEGISLATIVE MANUEVERINGS WITH RESPECT PANAM, CHASE MANHATTEN BANK, AND OTHER PET PROJECTS HAVE

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BEEN FRUSTRATED BY HOUSE LEADERSHIP, AND BY OTHER DISTRICT LEADERS.

5. TO SUM UP, NOT ONLY ARE SEPARATIST PRESSURES VERY MUCH ALIVE IN MARSHALLESE DELEGATION, BUT THIS SENTIMENT HAS ALSO PROVOKED A SPLIT WITHIN DELEGATION-- A SPLIT BASED ON MORE OR LESS LONG-STANDING PERSONAL AND POWER RIVALRIES AND JEALOUSIES. IN TERMS OF WHERE POWER IS, KABUA AND FRIENDS HAVE MAJORITY ON DELEGATION, AND HAVE UPPER HAND WITH RESPECT MARSHALLESE TRADITIONAL POWER CLIQUES AND DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. ON OTHER HAND, THEY ARE HANDICAPPED BY FACT THEIR POINT OF VIEW IS NOT REPRESENTED ON STATUS COMMITTEE WHERE SILK AND LANWI WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO PLAY "MICRONESIAN UNITY GAME." RATHER UNFORTUNATELY FOR US, ALL OF THIS MAY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT OBTENTION OF PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF MARIANAS SEPARATISM. THAT POSSIBLE PRECEDENT NOW THOROUGHLY FREIGHTENS THOSE IN CONGRESS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING KEEP REST OF TERRITORY PATCHED TOGETHER.

6. MESSAGE PREPARED FEBRUARY 25 IN PALAU. DORRANCE

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