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SURJ: AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S TRIP TO MICRONESIA

EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN CANBERRA:

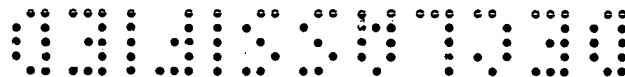
" I AM CONCERNED THAT MICRONESIANS MAY ATTEMPT TO USE COINCIDENCE YOUR TRIP TO MICRONESIA WITH OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS TO OUR DISADVANTAGE. THERE HAS IN PAST BEEN MANIFEST TENDENCY OF SOME MICRONESIANS TO SEEK WAYS IN WHICH TO INVOLVE UN AGENCIES IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS AS DEVICE TO INCREASE PRESSURES ON US TO ACCEDE TO MICRONESIAN POSITIONS.

" I AM SURE YOU WILL UTILIZE FACT THAT STATUS TALKS ARE PROCEEDING IN PALAU AT THAT TIME TO REFUSE TO DISCUSS IN ANY TERMS QUESTIONS INVOLVING MICRONESIA'S POLITICAL FUTURE. BUT I AM HOPING THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GO STEP FURTHER AND, AS RESPONSIBLE U S OFFICIAL ENGAGED DIRECTLY IN U N AFFAIRS AND WORK OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SPECIFICALLY, ACTIVELY DISCOURAGE IDEA THAT U N CAN BE BROUGHT INTO NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN ANY MANNER. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT MAKES IT CLEAR AND SPECIFIC THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP HAS DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER RELATED TO ITS STRATEGIC NATURE AND THAT THIS CHARACTER IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY SECURITY COUNCIL AS

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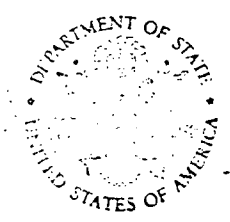
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PARTY TO AGREEMENT. FURTHER, THAT TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT CAN ONLY BE TERMINATED WITH AGREEMENT OF UNITED STATES, WHICH IS FULLY EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE TERMINATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF AGREEMENT ITSELF. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IS, OF COURSE, INTERESTED IN PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN REPORTS THEREON MADE TO COUNCIL IN MAY BY PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS (I.E., U.S. DEPS AND MICRONESIAN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES). HOPEFULLY, QUESTION OF ANY ROLE OF COMMITTEE OF 24 WILL NOT ARISE. SHOULD IT DO SO, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU DRAW ON YOUR THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF OUR POSITION TO MAKE FORCEFULLY POINT THAT WE BELIEVE MICRONESIANS THEMSELVES ARE BEST ABLE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND POSITIONS RELATED TO THEIR OWN FUTURE AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO ALLOW COMMITTEE WHICH HAS SO SIGNALLY FAILED TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER AREAS OF WORLD TO INTRUDE ON NEGOTIATIONS.

" AS MICRONESIANS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION WILL ALL BE IN PALAU DURING YOUR VISIT, PROBLEMS TOUCHED ON ABOVE MAY WELL NOT ARISE BUT I WANTED TO RESPEAK YOUR ASSISTANCE SHOULD THEY DO SO." GP-3. ROGERS

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