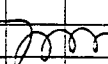


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FROM STATUS LNO PASS TO DEPARTMENT INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA STATE FOR IC/UNP COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA WHITE HOUSE FOR HOLDRIDGE (NSC) FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM REMARKS BY HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY (PONAPE) AT OPENING SESSION AUG 14: BEGIN QUOTE. ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES FOR OUR EXAMINATION AND DISCUSSION DURING THIS SESSION WILL BE THAT OF THE FUTURE FORM OF MICRONESIA'S GOVERNMENT AND ITS RELATION TO OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE WILL SEE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE FOUNDATION OF A NEW MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT BEGUN HERE IN PONAPE. INDEED, MANY PEOPLE MAY CONSIDER THAT MATTERS ARE ALMOST CONCLUDED, THAT ALL THE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED, THAT ALL THE LOOSE ENDS ARE TIED UP. BUT THIS IS NOT SO, FOR I BELIEVE WE ARE JUST NOW BEGINNING. DURING THIS TIME IN PONAPE WE WILL BEGIN OUR CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE END OF THE PRESENT TRUSTEE* SHIP. WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE SERIOUS AND COMPLEX TASK OF FORGING A NEW POLITICAL ENTITY FOR MICRONESIA AND THERE IS MUCH WORK YET TO BE DONE. WE ARE ONLY NOW STARTING TO PAVE THE ROAD TO SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND I AM PROUD AND HUMBLE TO SEE THE BEGINNINGS OF A NEW GOVERNMENT, THE BEGINNINGS OF A NEW NATION, THE BEGINNINGS OF A MICRONESIA, TAKE PLACE HERE IN PONAPE DISTRICT. END QUOTE.			R&D	
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