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IN CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR SALII AUG 18 FOLLOWING HIS PRESENTATION OF REPORT ON WASHINGTON STATUS TALKS, HE TOLD ME THAT HE EXPECTS SOME DEBATE ON SUBJECT. HE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT AT THIS STAGE CONGRESS IS NOT REQUIRED TO DO MORE THAN TAKE NOTE OF DEVELOPMENTS SO FAR, PENDING SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED DRAFT COMPACT.

SALII SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS GROWING SENSE OF NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND HE REMARKED THAT HIS BILL ON NATIONAL UNITY (SB 233) , TOGETHER WITH HIS OTHER DRAFT LEGISLATION SUBMITTED LAST WEEK (SEE MY 160605 Z) WERE DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE AND FOSTER THIS SENSE. (ADDITIONALLY SENATE HAS BEFORE IT A PROPOSAL NOTING INAPPROPRIATENESS OF WESTERN DRESS FOR USE ~~XXXXXX~~ BY MICRONESIANS, AND CALLING FOR DESIGNATION OF FORMAL MICRONESIAN DRESS.) I ASKED SALII JUST HOW HE RECONCILED THE MARIANAS SEPARATION WITH THE TEXTS OF HIS BILLS, ESPECIALLY SB 231 (CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION). HIS REPLY WAS VAGUE, TO THE EFFECT THAT "THE PROBLEM COULD BE WORKED OUT."

I FURTHER QUERIED SALII ABOUT THINKING BEHIND HIS SB 230 (ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY). HE SAID WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR MICRONESIA WAS "NOT JUST REVAMPING BUT COMPLETE REORIENTATION OF ECONOMIC PLANNING."

PONAPE DISTAD BOYD MCKENZIE COMMENTED TO ME AUG 19 ~~XXX~~ THAT THE JOB OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL TRANSITION (SB 232) COULD BE KEY POSITION. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED SALII IF HE HAD ANYONE IN MIND WHO KNEW BOTH MICRONESIA AND US AND COULD THEREFORE MEET REQUIREMENTS. SALII HAD ASKED MCKENZIE IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED. MCKENZIE (WHOM HICOM HAS NOMINATED FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS) HAD INDICATED THAT HE WOULD, ~~XXXXXXXX~~

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