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COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS
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WHITE HOUSE FOR HOLDRIDGE (NSC)
SUBJECT: SENATOR IEHSI SPEAKS ON POLITICAL STATUS.
IN EFFECTIVE, WELL-DELIVERED SPEECH IN SENATE TODAY AUG 22
SENATOR IEHSI (PONAPE) SAID HE WAS PROUD AND HIGHLY PLEASED AT
RESULT OF WORK OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS AND

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EXPRESSED OPINION THAT COMMITTEE DESERVES QUOTE OUR FULL SUPPORT
UNQUOTE.

STRESSING THAT "FUNDAMENTALS OF OUR RIGHTS AS MICRONESIANS HAVE
BEEN SATISFIED"—AND THAT UNDER TERMS OF DRAFT COMPACT MICRONESIA
WOULD RETAIN CONTROL OVER ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL DESTINY,
AND THAT RELATIONSHIP OF FREE ASSOCIATION WOULD BE UNILATERALLY
TERMINABLE BY EITHER PARTY, HE SAID COMPACT WOULD PROVIDE POLITI-
CAL FUTURE WHICH ALL MICRONESIANS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO PROUDLY AND
WITH A GREAT DEAL OF SATISFACTION.

IEHSI SAID HE WAS THEREFORE SURPRISED AND DISMAYED TO HEAR THAT
SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS "HAVE BEEN MORE THAN JUSTIFIABLY CRITICAL

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OF THE DRAFT COMPACT." HE SAID HE TOO WAS NOT IN FULL SUPPORT OF EVERY PROVISION AND WAS "PARTICULARLY UNHAPPY" RE U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS IN MARSHALLS AND PALAU. NEVERTHELESS HE URGED RECOGNITION THAT IT TAKES TWO SIDES TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT AND THAT "TO GET SOMETHING WE WANT U.S. TO HANDLE OUR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH WE ARE NOT CAPABLE OF DOING ON OUR OWN, AND IF WE WANT U.S. TO SUPPORT US GENEROUSLY WITH ITS MONEY...WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO GIVE U.S. WHAT IT WANTS IN RETURN: THE LAND WHICH IT REQUIRES FOR ITS MILITARY PURPOSES. AND LET NONE OF US MAKE THE MISTAKE

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THAT THE U.S. WANTS OR NEEDS ANYTHING ELSE AT ALL IN MICRONESIA."

TO ADVOCATES OF INDEPENDENCE, IEHSI SAID COST OF INDEPENDENCE NOW IS TOO HIGH AND HE NOTED THAT MICRONESIA COULD LATER OPT OUT OF ASSOCIATION. TO THOSE WANTING CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH US HE OBSERVED THAT COMPACT IS NOT ENTERED LIGHTLY BUT WITH INTENTION THAT NEW RELATIONSHIP MAY BE ENDURING, LIKE A COMMONWEALTH, AND THAT UNDER COMPACT MICRONESIANS WOULD ENJOY IMPORTANT PRIVILEGES OF U.S. NATIONALS.

AT CONCLUSION OF IEHSI'S SPEECH, SENATOR LANWI (MARSHALLS) ROSE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT AND SAID HE HOPED STATEMENT "WILL CONVINCE OUR FRIENDS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS."

REPRESENTATIVES OF FOUR DISTRICT LEGISLATURES ARE HERE IN PONAPE AND HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO CONGRESS SESSIONS. YAP DELEGATION EXPECTED TOMORROW, LEAVING ONLY MARIANAS ABSENT. THESE DISTRICT LEGISLATORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ON HAND FOR OPEN DISCUSSION OF STATUS QUESTION SCHEDULED BY JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON AUG 24.

FULL TEXT OF IEHSI'S SPEECH BEING AIRMAILED (LIKE PREVIOUS TEXTS) TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, OSN AND IO/UNP. IF OTHER ADDRESSEES THIS SERIES OF MESSAGES WISH TEXTS SENT DIRECT, PLS ADVISE.

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OTHERWISE, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ACQUISITION OF COPIES AND MAILING, TEXTS WILL CONTINUE BE FORWARDED ONLY TO ABOVE THREE ADDRESSEES UNLESS THERE APPEARS SPECIAL INTEREST.

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