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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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PASS TO DEPARTMENT INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA
STATE FOR IO/UNP
COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS
DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA
WHITE HOUSE FOR HOLDRIDGE (NSC)

SUBJECT: HEARINGS ON STATUS ISSUE

AT RESUMED STATUS COMMITTEE HEARINGS FRIDAY AFTERNOON AUG 25
REPS OF YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TITLES OF
DRAFT AGREEMENT ARE ON THE WHOLE ACCEPTABLE. SPEAKER SAID LEGISLATURE
SUPPORTED IDEA OF FREE ASSOCIATION AND STATUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS TUN AND
MANGEFEL HAD BEEN EXPLAINING SUBJECT TO PEOPLE ON OUTER ISLANDS.

IN PREPARED STATEMENT (COPIES SENT) SPEAKER EXPRESSED CONCERN ON
TWO POINTS: 1) PROVISION IN ANNEX B FOR US CONTINUING USE OF EXISTING
COAST GUARD FACILITIES. SPEAKER THOUGHT COMPACT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR
RENOVIATION OF LEASE FOR LORAN STATION; HE DID NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE IT
BUT THOUGHT ~~EXISTING~~ PRE-ENT 99-YEAR TERM TOO LONG AND COMPENSATION TOO
SMALL. 2) USE OF MARINE AREAS. SPEAKER CITED PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTAL
RESERVATIONS OF SUCH AREAS, BUT STRESSED TRADITIONAL YAPESE VIEW THAT
INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES HOLD EXTENSIVE AND EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO PORTIONS OF
THESE AREAS INSIDE YAP REEF. HE NOTED COMPACT SILENT ON THIS SUBJECT
AND HE URGED THAT IT SHOULD INCLUDE "CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL RENUNCIATION
BY US OF ANY CLAIM OF OWNERSHIP WHATSOEVER TO THE MARINE AREAS INSIDE
OUR REEPS."

REPRESENTATIVES OF MARSHALLS TOOK SEATS AT HEARING, BUT APART FROM
STATING VIEW THAT DRAFT COMPACT MUST BE TRANSLATED AND STUDIED THOROUGH-
LY, AND SAYING THAT OTHER REPS WOULD COME LATER FROM MARSHALLS TO OFFER
COMMENT, THEY HAD NOTHING TO SAY. (SENATORS KABUA AND LANWI RETURNED
HOME TO MAJURO FOR WEEKEND.)

TRUK DELEGATION, SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY, DID NOT SHOW UP FOR HEARING.

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