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WHITE HOUSE FOR HOLDRIDGE (NSC)

SUBJECT: POLITICAL STATUS: BALOS SPEECH

IN EMOTIONAL SPEECH IN HOUSE AUG 29 (COPIES SENT) REP ATAJI BALOS (MARSHALLS) ASSERTED US INTERESTED IN MICRONESIA ONLY FOR ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION, WHICH HAS DETERMINED US POLICY RE MICRONESIA. DEPLORING PREDOMINANCE OF QUESTION OF MILITARY BASES IN ALL STATUS TALKS, BALOS SAID:

QUOTE WE SHOULD NOT WANT OUR ISLANDS XX USED FOR KILLING OTHER HUMAN BEINGS...IF MICRONESIA IS AGAIN DESTROYED BY WAR, WE WILL HAVE NO ONE TO BLAME BUT OURSELVES. END QUOTE

IN ARGUMENT AGAINST COMPACT, BALOS XXXXXXXX DECLARED: QUOTE THE COMPACT WOULD MAKE US, LIKE THE AMERICAN INDIANS, FOREVER DEPENDENT ON AN ANNUAL DOLE FROM THE US CONGRESS. THE US OWES US A GREAT DEAL FOR ALL THE DESTRUCTION IT HAS BROUGHT TO MICRONESIA, BUT THIS COMPENSATION SHOULD NOT RESULT IN OUR BECOMING ENSLAVED BY FINANCIAL LANDLORDS IN AMERICA. I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM JAPAN WHERE I MET PEOPLE FROM MANY PACIFIC NATIONS WHO CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT MICRONESIA'S XXXXX FATE. THE COMPACT AS IT NOW STANDS WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH OUR PACIFIC NEIGHBORS EVEN IN DISTINCTLY NON-POLITICAL MATTERS... RATIFYING THE COMPACT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE END QUOTE.

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