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PASS TO DEPARTMENT INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA  
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WHITE HOUSE FOR HOLDRIDGE (NSC)

SUBJECT: STATEMENTS OF OPPOSITION TO COMPACT

IN HOUSE SPEECH AUG 31 REP TIMOTHY OLKERIIL (PALAU) STRONGLY OPPOSED COMPACT AND SAID HE WAS "UTTERLY DISMAYED" AT TERMS TO WHICH STATUS COMMITTEE AGREED IN TITLES II AND III. HE WONDERED IF COMMITTEE HAD BEEN "OUT-MANEUVERED, OUT-TALKED AND UNDERMANNED AT CONFERENCE TABLE." WHILE HE WAS GRATIFIED AT NEGOTIATION RESULTING IN TITLE I, HE THOUGHT PROVISIONS IN DANGER OF EROSION BY OTHER TWO TITLES WHICH HE FOUND "SHOCKING," AND CONTRADICTORY OF CONGRESSIONAL POSITION ON BASIC RIGHTS AND PRINCIPLES. OLKERIIL'S STRONGEST OPPOSITION WAS TO TITLE III, CONCERNING WHICH HE SAID: "THE STINKING IDEA OF FOUR MILITARY FACILITIES IN MY DISTRICT IS HIGHLY DISTASTEFUL AND THOROUGHLY UNACCEPTABLE TO ME AND MY CONSTITUENTS." ACKNOWLEDGING FRUSTRATION AT SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS, OLKERIIL URGED CONGRESS TO ADHERE TO FOUR NON-NEGOTIABLE PRINCIPLES WHICH MUST SERVE AS CORNERSTONE OF NEW GOVERNMENT.

THIS MORNING (SEPT 1) REP SASAU HARUO (TRUK) TOOK FLOOR TO OPPOSE COMPACT AS HAVING "OMINOUS IMPLICATIONS." HE CHARGED US WOULD NEVER LET MICRONESIA BECOME SOVEREIGN STATE IN FREE ASSOCIATION, LET ALONE IN INDEPENDENCE. HE ASSERTED US HAS NEVER LIVED UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT. MICRONESIA MIGHT BE SELF-SUPPORTING IF US HAD EXERTED GENUINE EFFORT, BUT US, HE SAID, HAS SHOWN ONLY INDIFFERENCE AND NEGLECT. HARUO DECLARED US WILL MAINTAIN CONTROL OF MICRONESIA BECAUSE OF DEFENSE INTERESTS SHOWN IN TITLE III. US MILITARY PRESENCE WILL BE ENLARGED AND MICRONESIA COULD BECOME TARGET AREA; PROVISIONS FOR TROOPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO USE FACILITIES COULD MEAN MICRONESIA WILL BECOME CIA TRAINING GROUND FOR GUERRILLA FORCES. REPEATING REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO HIGH US OFFICIAL, THAT 90,000 PEOPLE DON'T MATTER, HARUO X ASSERTED: "WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO FEAR FOR OUR FUTURE WELFARE."

LHO *Wood*

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September 1, 1972

"The Honorable Amata Kabua  
President of the Senate  
Fourth Congress of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 1972  
Kolonias, Ponape Islands 96941

"Dear Mr. President:

"We are writing to you with respect to the proposed Draft Compact of Free Association submitted by the Joint Committee on Future Status for consideration by the Congress during this Special Session.

"Whether or not the Congress will take any formal action on the proposed Compact of Association is a matter for the entire Congress to decide; however, as individual members, we wish to state our position regarding the Compact so that the chiefs and people of Micronesia and the future generations will know where we stood at the time when the Congress was asked to 'accept and approve' the Draft Compact of Free Association with the United States.

"We wish to state our position as follows:

- "1. Any association between Micronesia and the United States Government must be sealed by a treaty and not a compact.
- "2. Micronesia must be an independent political state, even for a few minutes, and before entering into a Treaty of Association with the United States.
- "3. Micronesia must have a Constitution which will be the supreme law of Micronesia and which will not be subservient to the Treaty of Association. ✓
- "4. Micronesia must have full internal sovereignty over its own internal affairs.
- "5. Micronesia must retain full external sovereignty but can delegate, at the beginning of the association and later through agreements, certain responsibilities for foreign affairs to the United States.
- "6. Micronesia must not relinquish the ultimate control over the United States military activities in Micronesia and the Congress must obtain prior consent of the districts involved before committing their lands and waters.

"Our position is not being stated for the first time and we ask that the Joint Committee on Future Status will consider it seriously in its negotiations with the United States. We state again that we will not support any association with the United States if such an association will not protect the inalienable rights of our people.

"We hope that when the Congress of Micronesia meets again to consider the proposed association with the United States, it will have in front of it a complete, clear proposition.

"An identical letter is being sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Thank you very much.

"/s/ Henry Samuel  
 /s/ Heinrich Iriarte  
 /s/ Tarkong Pedro  
 /s/ Tosiwo Nakayama ✓  
 /s/ Hans Wiliander  
 /s/ Sasauo Haruo  
 /s/ Raymond Setik  
 /s/ Polycarp Basilius

/s/ Ataji Balos ✓  
 /s/ Joab Sigrah  
 /s/ Ronan Tmetuchl ✓  
 /s/ Andon Amaraich ✓  
 /s/ Endy Dois  
 /s/ Masao Nakayama  
 /s/ Timothy Olkeriil  
 /s/ Charles Donnick" ✓

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