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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RADM TRAIN (OSD/ISA), AND BGEN HANKETT (JCS/J-5)
FROM BGEN SCOTT

SITREP NUMBER THREE - MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS (U)
DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

LOCAL KENTY JCS/J5 OBSERVER SENDS

1. MEETINGS OF LAND AND FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEES HELD ON
3 AND 4 OCT 72. SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

A. LAND - MICRONESIANS PRESSED FOR MORE SPECIFIC
INFORMATION ON THE EXACT LOCATION IN TERMS OF METES AND
BOUNDS OF US LAND REQUIREMENTS IN THREE DISTRICTS. US
RESPONDED THAT WE WERE NOT PREPARED WITH METES AND BOUNDS
AND WERE DISCUSSING PALAU ONLY. BELIEVED THAT LOGICAL
FIRST STEP WOULD BE A SURVEY OF LAND AREAS IN PALAU. US
NEEDS OUTLINED IN ANNEX B; THEY ARE NEGOTIABLE AS TO
SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND ARE OPEN TO LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS.

(1) US ARGUED FOR THE JOINT APPROACH ON LAND;
STATED THAT OUR COMMITTEES WORKING TOGETHER JOINTLY CAN
PERFORM A USEFUL FUNCTION IN CLEANING UP MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
FELT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO HAVE US OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE
IN NOVEMBER HEARINGS IN PALAU.

(2) DISCUSSION THEN CONCERNED A JOINT SURVEY OF PALAU,
HOW THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND IF IT COULD BE COMPLETED
BY THE NOVEMBER HEARINGS IN PALAU. SUBSEQUENT US REPRESENTATIVES
MEETINGS WITH CINCPAC AND NAVFACENCOM PERSONNEL REVEALED THAT
EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO MEET OUR SURVEY REQUIREMENTS.
AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE 30,000/2,000 ACRE TRACTS ON BABELTHUAP
HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE TOP OF THE VO-1 PRIORITY LIST OF A
CURRENT PROJECT. SURVEY TEAMS COULD BE USED FOR 2,000/40 ACRE

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SITES IF REQUIRED. ALSO, CHECK IS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE WHAT INFORMATION OF THIS TYPE IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. FINAL DECISION AS TO PROCEEDING WITH THE PALAU SURVEY AT THIS TIME HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

R. FINANCE - FORTY MINUTE MEETING OF THIS SUB-COMMITTEE WAS TOTALLY UNPRODUCTIVE. ONCE IT WAS MADE CLEAR BY THE US CHAIRMAN THAT THE GROUND RULES AS AGREED TO BETWEEN SENATOR SALII AND AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS EXCLUDED DISCUSSION OF LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE AND COMPACT LANGUAGE, MR. WARNKE ASKED: "WHAT IS THERE TO TALK ABOUT?"

(1) THE VERY LIMITED EXCHANGE THEN PROCEEDED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: THE US SIDE OPENED BY SAYING THAT IT WAS INTERESTED IN MICRONESIAN IDEAS AS TO THE MIX OF ANY US ASSISTANCE AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN THE DARK AS TO HOW THE MICRONESIANS SAW THEIR RELATIVE PRIORITIES. THEIR REACTIONS TO THESE POINTS COULD BE USEFUL IN PREPARING EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS.

(2) MICRONESIANS RESPONDED THAT IT WAS THE POSITION OF THEIR CONGRESS THAT ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MICRONESIA WOULD BE CHANNLED THROUGH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD DECIDE ON HOW THEY WOULD BE ALLOCATED. THEY ENVISIONED PAYMENT OF A LUMP SUM WITH ONLY MINIMAL US INVOLVEMENT. THE MICRONESIAN PROPOSAL FOR \$100 MILLION IN PAYMENT FOR US DEFENSE RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR THE AGREEMENTS THE MICRONESIANS MIGHT MAKE. WE STATED THAT WE HAD ALREADY SAID WE WERE FAR APART ON THE AMOUNT AND NATURE OF THAT PROPOSAL.

(3) MICRONESIANS STATED THAT IT WAS A PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY TO TALK ABOUT MIXES AND VARIOUS PROGRAMS WITHOUT A CONCRETE US OFFER. SINCE THE US WAS UNWILLING TO MAKE AN OFFER, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED, WITH THE MICRONESIANS UNDERTAKING TO THINK ABOUT POSSIBLE AREAS OF EXCHANGE BUT WITHOUT ANY REAL HOPE THEY WOULD COME UP WITH ANYTHING CONCRETE.

(4) IT IS FELT THAT SOONER OR LATER A DOLLAR FIGURE WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN BY THE US. HOWEVER, PRESENTLY THE TIMING WOULD BE WRONG TO DO SO AND COULD WORK AGAINST US DUE TO THE MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. TOO LOW A FIGURE COULD AID THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. WHAT IS NEEDED IS DOLLAR FIGURES TO BE PRESENTED WITH VARIOUS OPTIONS SUCH AS STATUS QUO, FREE ASSOCIATION, COMMONWEALTH, AND INDEPENDENCE.

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2. WORK CONTINUES ON AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS' FINAL PLENARY STATEMENT IN WHICH HE PLANS TO RECESS THE TALKS. ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WILL BE GIVEN SOMETIME ON 6 OCT 72. ALTHOUGH MICRONESIANS WOULD STILL LIKE TO PROCEED WITH DRAFTING THE COMPACT, AMB WILLIAMS DOES NOT INTEND TO DO SO DUE TO INDEPENDENCE AND JOINT APPROACH ISSUES. CAPT SCHULLER HAS REQUESTED HIM TO ALSO CONSIDER DISCUSSING THE AUTHORITY ISSUE AND ELIMINATE THE MIDDLE-MAN CONCEPT. UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER THIS WILL BE INCLUDED. WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED AT BARBERS POINT ON 7 OCT 72 ON STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS STILL PLANNING TO MEET WITH MARIANA'S REPRESENTATIVES TO PLAN DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING TALKS THERE.

3. THE PRIME ISSUE OF CONCERN TO THE DOD AND JCS RESULTING FROM THIS CONFERENCE IS THE INDEPENDENCE ONE. IT NOW APPEARS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO FACE THIS PROBLEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE AND DETERMINE HOW BEST OUR MILITARY NEEDS IN MICRONESIA CAN BE MET IF INDEPENDENCE IS OFFERED AS AN OPTION TO THE MICRONESIANS, I.E., WHAT TYPE OF DEFENSE TREATY IS REQUIRED, ETC. IT IS APPARENT THAT A USC MEETING WILL MOST LIKELY BE NECESSARY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. (U) WARM REGARDS.
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