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Dear MARY

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The enclosed are forwarded for information and to support what Amb Williams and RADM Iselin (CEC) COMCBPAC have been receiving about involvement of the clergy in the Micronesian Status game. M.V. Trent sent in the text of Enclosure (1) a few days ago; it is now included for its relationship to Enclosure (2). The latter was picked up by the business group on their TTPI visit 10-19 Jan 73, and given to me during their debriefing.

THAT'S YOU!

I would point out that on page (3), no mention is made of Rounds 3 and 4 where substantial agreements were made between the two negotiating groups. Another disturbing item is on page 3, last paragraph ". . . but more suited to building up right attitudes towards the status question, . . .". I wonder how the Jesuits define "right" and "wrong" attitudes on future status.

Page 4, Program 2, para 4 is so worded as to make the consequences of a military presence appear all bad to worse as a basic assumption. This should be questioned and refuted. Program 3, under PURPOSE, requires the definition of the several forms of status and what will happen under each. I think that's guessing and cannot be based on anything solid. Program 4 appears based mainly on Francisco's analysis and the Ponape clergy statement. Again, these should not go unchallenged.

I would agree that the Church can do a great deal to aid in the general political education of the populace, but it must be open. To that end, I propose that the CINCPACFLT Chaplain be sent on an orientation mission thru the Districts to talk to the Jesuits. According to RADM Iselin, Chaplain Laboon knows most of them well from seminary days and later studies. The "orientation" could go both ways - Chaplain Laboon could get their ideas, and he also could present some US concepts and dispell some of their false notions. I think this trip should be taken this Spring while this year's graduating classes are still in school, and the negotiations are in progress. I would be happy to assist on the project, and have not mentioned it outside my office.

Hurriedly and respectfully,

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