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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN O'SONIS JANUARY 25 SPEECH ON STATUS

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- WE ARE POUCHING YOU, AS POSSIBLY USEFUL IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH O'SONIS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS, INTERNAL MEMO ESTABLISHING LEGAL RIGHT TO CONDUCT THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND GIST OF DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT WITH UN VISITING MISSION DURENCE ITS JANUARY 25 VISIT HERE.
- IN REPLY TO VISITING MISSION'S QUESTIONS ABOUT APPROPRIATENESS OF, AND COM APPROVAL FOR, SEPARATE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS, WE:
- (A) QUOTED AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS' REMARKS THIS SUBJECT AT KOROR ROUND OF TALKS, MADE IN PRESENCE OF JOINT COMMITTEE; (B) NOTED THAT U.S. DOES NOT WISH FURTHER FRAGMENTATION OF MICRONESIA. ON CONTRARY, OUR POLICIES ARE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE ITS UNIFICATION. MARIANAS IS ONLY DISTRICT WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY, OVER PROLONGED PERIOD, ESTABLISHED A STRONG RECORD OF DESIRE FOR SEPARATE STATUS, THROUGH PETITIONS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, EIC.

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RECALLED THAT AS U.S. TOLD TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL LAST YEAR, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE NEITHER LEGAL NOR PROPER FOR U.S. TO SEEK COM APPROVAL OF MARIANAS TALKS. AS MATTER OF POLICY, HOWEVER, WE MANTE TO HAVE COM GOODWILL FOR THIS UNDERTAKING AND HENCE HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY KEPT IT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS WITH MARIANAS. EXPLAINING EACH ANTICIPATED MOVE FULLY IN ADVANCE.

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