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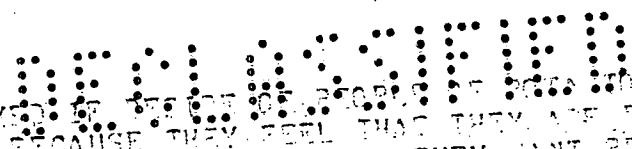
SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION MEETING ON POTA
REF: STATUS LNO 56

FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM TAPED RECORDING OF
PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON POTA MARCH 4 DURING VISIT OF UNVM:
(LETTER R INDICATES ROTANESE RESPONSE OR COMMENT; PERSON
SPEAKING COULD NOT BE DISTINGUISHED ON TAPE, BUT MAYOR ANTONIO
ATALIA WAS LEADING SPEAKER, ACCORDING TO RECORDS. ENTIRE
MEETING LASTED LESS THAN AN HOUR, AND GIVEN TIME REQUIRED FOR
TRANSLATION, THERE WAS NOT ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPRESSION
OF VIEWS. TIME PRESSURE WAS DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE BUT REGRETTABLE

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AIRPLANE SCHEDULE.)

CHAIRMAN BLANC ASKED IF THE PEOPLE OF ROTA WOULD BECOME A SEPARATE DISTRICT IS BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM PEOPLE OF OTHER MARIANAS, OR BECAUSE THEY WANT PROTECT AND FACILITIES WHICH THEY MIGHT EXPECT AS A SEPARATE DISTRICT.
P - 1: IN 1955 ROTA WAS SEPARATE DISTRICT. BEING SEPARATE, WE CAN HAVE MORE ADVANTAGES. THERE ARE MANY LEGAL CASES PENDING

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ON ROTA THAT HAVE BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT OUR OWN REPRESENTATION. IF SEPARATE, WE WOULD HAVE OUR OWN SHARE IN BUDGET AND COULD GET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WHICH WOULD ALLEVIATE OUR PROBLEMS. CHAIRMAN DO NOT UNDERSTAND OUR LAND PROBLEMS AND WANT REFERRED TO TAKE CARE TO GET AN ADVISORY BOARD ON ROTA.

P - 2: IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ROTA TO BE SEPARATE DISTRICT BECAUSE OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. PEOPLE MUST BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND ALL THE POSSIBILITIES FOR POLITICAL FUTURE. WE WANT TO HONOR OUR REQUEST TO BE SEPARATE DISTRICT SO ROTA WILL ACHIEVE POLITICAL STATUS WHICH IT WISHES. CONGRESS OF WISCONSIN DOES NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO BE AWARE OF MATTERS CONCERNING POLITICAL STATUS. WE REQUEST YOU TO VEST ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN AREA OF EDUCATION AND WELFARE SO PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND POSSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL STATUS.

CHAIRMAN BLANC REQUESTED SPEAKERS TO TURN ATTENTION TO MATTER OF FUTURE STATUS.

P - 3: I AM NOT SURE HOW MATTERS ARE, BUT OUR DESIRE FOR SEPARATE DISTRICT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BECAUSE ALTHOUGH WE MADE IT TO PREVIOUS UN. I HOPE THIS UN WILL NOT DO IT. OUR

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DESIRE FOR SEPARATE DISTRICT IS REPORTED TO ADD THE WANT FOR BETTER REPRESENTATION. SOMETIMES WE ARE COMPLETELY IGNORED. IF UN OPPOSES SEPARATE DISTRICT FOR ROTA, RECALL THAT WE WERE SEPARATE DISTRICT IN 1955. THAT STATUS WAS CHANGED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH PEOPLE OF ROTA. EACH ISLAND HAS ITS OWN POLITICAL OPINIONS. WE WANT TO HANDLE OUR OWN AFFAIRS.
BLANC: WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING SEPARATE



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... WE HAVE MANY PROBLEMS. DISTRICT
... US LITTLE ASSISTANCE. MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMIS-
SION SAUSING MONEY FOR OTHER PURPOSES RATHER THAN HELPING
PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT. WE SUPPORT JCFS.

BLANC: DO PEOPLE OF ROTA KNOW THAT THE JCFS IS WORKING ON
TWO ALTERNATIVES - FREE ASSOCIATION AND INDEPNENCE, AND MAYBE
A THIRD - COMMONWEALTH?

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P - 5: WHEN OUR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENTS ARE TAKEN
CARE OF THEN WE CAN THINK ABOUT STATUS.

P - 6: (SOME GARBLES IN TAPT) WE FEEL CLOSE TO GUAM SINCE
THE DAYS OF OUR ANCESTORS. PEOPLE ON GUAM ARE MOSTLY CHAMORRO.

P - 7: WE WANT U.S. TO KEEP ON ADMINISTERING OUR ISLANDS.
THEY ARE BETTER THAN PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS. U.S. HAS DONE MORE
FOR US ECONOMICALLY. TREAT

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