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SUBJ: ~~EXX~~ SEN TMETUHL COMMENTS ON STATUS NEGOTIATIONS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE DATED APRIL 30 SENT FROM PALAU
BY SEN ROMAN TMETUHL TO JCFS CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND
EXPRESSING SENATOR'S REGRET THAT HE UNABLE ATTEND APRIL 30 JCFS
MEETING:

BEGIN TEXT. FOLLOWING ARE MY VIEWS WHICH THE JCFS MAY TAKE



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PASS TO JCFS CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.
SINCERE REGRETS THAT I AM UNABLE TO GO TO THE APRIL 30
MEETING. FOLLOWING ARE MY VIEWS WHICH THE JCFS MAY TAKE
INTO CONSIDERATION: POSITION ONE: I FAVOR EARLY
RESUMPTION OF SERIOUS, REPEAT SERIOUS, NEGOTIATIONS FOR
EARLY TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT AT THE SAME
TIME I FEEL STRONGLY THAT ANY DISTRICT OF MICRONESIA
DESIRING TO NEGOTIATE INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE UNITED STATES
CONCERNING ITS OWN FUTURE STATUS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO
DO SO. I ENCOURAGE ANY DISTRICT WHICH ELECTS TO NEGOTIATE
INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE USA TO ALSO MAINTAIN A DELEGATION TO
THE JCFS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH THE
OTHER DISTRICTS. POSITION TWO: I FAVOR A LOOSE POLITICAL
ASSOCIATION AMONG THE DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA IN A CENTRAL
CONFEDERATED GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED TO DEAL WITH MATTERS

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SUCH AS COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION POSITION THREE:
I SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF EACH DISTRICT TO DETERMINE THE
NATURE AND FORM OF ITS OWN INTERNAL GOVERNMENT WITHOUT
INTERFERENCE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.
POSITION FOUR: I AM IN FAVOR OF THE CONCEPT OF REVENUE
SHARING AS PROPOSED BY THE MARSHALLS AND MARIANAS DISTRICTS.
IN FAIRNESS, I FEEL THAT TAX REVENUE SHARING SHOULD BE
INSTITUTED IN MICRONESIA IMMEDIATELY -- BEFORE WE REACH
AGREEMENT ON FUTURE STATUS AND TERMINATE THE TRUSTEESHIP
AGREEMENT. TMETUCL SENDS
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(SALII ISSUES STATEMENT)

APRIL 25 (MUS) --- PALAU'S SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN NEWS REPORTS CONCERNING HIM WHICH HAVE APPEARED DURING THE PAST WEEK.

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"IT IS UNFORTUNATE," THE SENATOR'S STATEMENT READS, "THAT AN ACCOUNT OF AN INTERVIEW I GRANTED WHICH APPEARED IN THE APRIL 18TH ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS CONTAINED A MISLEADING PARAGRAPH WHICH ALLEGES THAT I SAID THAT SENATOR (AMATA) KABUA CONTROL THE NITIJELA. I HAVE NEVER MADE THE STATEMENT THAT SENATOR KABUA, OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER, CONTROLS THE NITIJELA. FOR THE FACT IS I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SENATOR KABUA CONTROLS THE NITIJELA OR NOT. MOREOVER, IT IS NOT MY BUSINESS HOW OR BY WHOM ANY LEGISLATURE IS INFLUENCED. I DID CONCEDE AT THE INTERVIEW THAT AS A TRADITIONAL, POLITICAL, AND BUSINESS LEADER,

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SENATOR KABUA IS A VERY INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN THE MARSHALLS. "SENATOR KABUA'S SWIFT REACTION TO THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT IS VERY INTERESTING IN THAT IT IS VERY REVEALING OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE SENATOR TOWARD MYSELF AND THE WORK I HAVE BEEN DOING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE

PAGE THREE DE RUMGSDA UNOLAS STATUS." SENATOR SALII'S STATEMENT CONTINUES, "IN HIS OWN RESPONSE, THE SENATOR MADE SOME VERY STRONG PERSONAL ATTACKS ON ME AND ON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ATTRIBUTING BASE MOTIVES TO THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING. IT IS TEMPTING TO RESPOND TO THESE PERSONAL ATTACKS, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT IT BEFITS THE HIGH OFFICE OF ANY MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS TO RESPOND TO PERSONAL ATTACKS ON HIS FELLOW LEGISLATORS TO GET HIS VIEWS ACROSS."

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