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(DISTAD HEAR WILLIAMS-SALID)
 MAJURO, MAY 8, (MNS)---AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN
 WILLIAMS AND SENATOR LAZARUS SALII MET WITH THE SIX
 TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS
 TUESDAY (MAY 8) AT THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL DISTAD CONFERENCE
 IN MAJURO, THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT CENTER. THE IMG
 MET SEPARATELY TO BRIEF THE DISTADS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION
 WITH REGARD TO THE TALKS ON MICRONESIA'S FUTURE STATUS.

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HOWEVER, A JOINT MEETING INVOLVING BOTH MEN BEFORE THE DISTADS WAS NOT HELD.

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, SPOKE FIRST. HE SAID HE IS IMPRESSED BY THE GROWING FEELING OF SELF-CONFIDENCE FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT THAT IS BECOMING APPARENT IN MICRONESIA.

WILLIAMS INFORMED THE CONFERENCE THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF STATUS TALKS HAS BEEN POSTPONED IN TIMING BY THE DECLARATION OF THE PALAU CHIEFS REGARDING THE RETURN OF ALL PUBLIC LANDS IN THAT DISTRICT TO THE PEOPLE.

"I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS CANNOT CONTINUE FORWARD UNLESS ALL PUBLIC LANDS IN PALAU ARE RETURNED TO THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT," WILLIAMS SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO DIFFICULTY IN CONSIDERING THIS IN PRINCIPLE.

"WHAT POSES A PROBLEM," THE AMBASSADOR SAID, "IS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ONE DISTRICT AND NOT ALL THE OTHER DISTRICTS. THE ISSUE IS NOT RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS AS SUCH, BUT WHEN AND TO WHOM THESE PUBLIC LANDS SHOULD BE RETURNED."

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"THE QUESTION OF THE RETURN OF PUBLIC TRUST LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS WILL BE STUDIED BY THE UNITED STATES IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE AND INTERESTED AUTHORITIES AND WITH INDIVIDUALS IN THE IT ADMINISTRATION, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE DISTRICTS," HE STATED.

ON THE QUESTION OF MICRONESIAN UNITY, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT INTEND TO IMPOSE UNITY IN MICRONESIA. THE U.S. BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT A UNIFIED MICRONESIA WILL BE BEST FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RUSH MICRONESIANS INTO THEIR DECISIONS ON THE STATUS ISSUE, NOR DOES IT INTEND TO DELAY THE RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

FOLLOWING THE SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, THE DISTADS HEARD FROM SENATOR LAWRENCE SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS. SENATOR SULLIVAN FORMALLY ANNOUNCED DURING THE MEETING THAT HIS COMMITTEE WILL BE HOLDING HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICTS DURING JULY "TO CHECK THE PEOPLE'S MOOD ON THE DRAFT CONTACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, AND TO SET SOME DIRECTIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS."

SENATOR SULLIVAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO

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GROUPS, TO HOLD HEARINGS IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS
AT THE SAME TIME. THE EASTERN GROUP, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY
CO-CHAIRMAN EXPAP SILK OF THE MARSHALLS, WILL INCLUDE SENATOR
BAILEY OLTER (PONAPE), SENATOR TOSIMO HAKAYANA (TRUK), SENATOR
PETRUS TUN (YAP) AND CONGRESSMAN HERMAN G. GUERRERO (MARIANAS).
THE WESTERN GROUP, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE, WILL BE HEADED BY SALII HIMSELF.

SENATOR SALII INDICATED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO HOLD HEARINGS IN MANY OF THE OUTLYING AREAS OF THE TRUST
TERRITORY, BUT, HE SAID, THEY HOPE TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS
AND OTHER LEADERS IN EACH DISTRICT WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING
THE VIEWS OF THEIR PEOPLE REGARDING THE STATUS QUESTION. THE
SENATOR SAID THAT PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR HEARINGS ON EBEBE,
KUSAIE, ROTA AND TINIAN IN ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT CENTERS.

WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF PALAU'S REACTION TO THE
PUBLIC LAND QUESTION, SENATOR SALII INFORMED THE DISTADS THAT
SINCE UNITED STATES OPTIONS TO USE PALAU LAND FOR MILITARY
PURPOSES WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE PRESENT DRAFT
COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARATION OF THE PALAU LEADERS
ON THE SUBJECT IN EFFECT "BLOCKS" FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE TALKS.

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HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS HOPEFUL THAT A SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM CAN BE FOUND, SO THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS CAN
TAKE PLACE.

SENATOR SALII SAID THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE U.S.
DELEGATION AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE U.S. MAY NEGOTIATE
DIRECTLY WITH THE DISTRICTS FOR THE USE OF LAND.

FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR
DEBRUN OF THE MARSHALLS MADE A COMMENT WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS
ISSUE. HE SAID THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS HAS NOT
INVOLVED ITSELF ON THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL. THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT
LEGISLATURE'S RESOLUTION REGARDING SEPARATE TALKS WAS TO FOCUS
ATTENTION ON THE LOCAL SCENE. THE MARSHALLS EFFORT IS NOT TO
SCORDE FROM THE UNION, ALTHOUGH THAT POSSIBILITY IS NOT RULED,
OUT, HE SAID. IT IS TO BRING THE STATUS ISSUE TO THE PEOPLE,
WHERE THE ULTIMATE DECISION MUST BE MADE.
(KABUA MAY BEYOND COMMITTEE)

MAJURO, MAY 6 (RUC) --- CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR
AMATA KABUA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND CONSIDERED
TO BE ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL LEADERS IN THE
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MARSHALL ISLANDS, SAYS HE MAY RESIGN FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE
 ON FUTURE STATUS.

THE REPORT WAS CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE MAY 7
 EDITION OF MAJURO'S MICRONITOR NEWSPAPER, AND CONFIRMED BY

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AN MNS CORRESPONDENT IN MAJURO WHO TALKED WITH KABUA. THE SENATOR SAID HE FEELS THERE SHOULD BE A YOUNGER MAN THAN HE REPRESENTING THE MARSHALLS ON THE COMMITTEE. HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE IN TALKING WITH MNS, BUT IN THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT THE SENATOR WAS MORE EXPLICIT.

"I AM...AT A VERY CRITICAL POINT IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH MY OWN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT COURSE OF THE FUTURE STATUS TALKS," SENATOR KABUA TOLD THE MICROEDITOR. "I AM ON THE VERGE OF SAYING I AM A SEPARATIST BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT, NOT BECAUSE I AM AGAINST THE CONCEPT OF FREE ASSOCIATION. I FEEL THAT THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR ALL MICRONESIANS IS TO FIRST PUT THEIR HOUSE TOGETHER ON A DISTRICT LEVEL AND THEN WORRY ABOUT HOW THE DISTRICTS WILL WORK TOGETHER."

THE NEWSPAPER REPORT SAYS KABUA STATES AS HIS OFFICIAL REASON FOR CONSIDERING RESIGNING FROM THE COMMITTEE THE FACT THAT HE SIMPLY HAS TOO MANY OTHER CONGRESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS, AND DOESN'T WANT TO SPREAD HIMSELF TOO THIN.

HOWEVER, SENATOR KABUA SOUGHT THE SEAT ON THE COMMITTEE IN JANUARY, WHEN A REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER SENATOR ISAAC LANWI WAS BEING SOUGHT. AT THAT TIME THE FORMER SENATE

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PRESIDENT INDICATED HE WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO SERVE ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS.

THE NEWSPAPER EMPHASIZES THAT SENATOR KABUA HAS NOT YET RESIGNED OFFICIALLY FROM THE COMMITTEE, BUT IS CONSIDERING DOING SO.

(OFFICIALS ARRIVE FOR TALKS)

SAIPAN, MAY 8, (MNS)--THREE OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS ARRIVED ON SAIPAN MONDAY AFTERNOON (MAY) TO BEGIN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, SCHEDULED TO GET UNDERWAY TUESDAY, MAY 15.

HEADED BY THE ASSISTANT HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, JAMES M. WILSON, JR., THE GROUP ALSO INCLUDES AN ATTORNEY, FORMER YAP PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER ADRIAN DEGRAFFENRIED, AND A U.S. ARMY OFFICER, COLONEL ATNOL M. SMITH.

WILSON IS DEPUTY TO AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN WALTER WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, WHO WILL ARRIVE SUNDAY FOR THE TALKS. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS IS PRESENTLY IN THE MARSHALL

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ISLANDS, AND PLANS A STOPOVER IN TRUK DISTRICT BEFORE COMING
TO SAIPAN.

THE THREE-MAN ADVANCE TEAM WILL BE SETTING UP A TEMPORARY
OFFICE FOR THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, AT THE RAFA ADAL HOTEL, AND
WILL MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION TO TALK OVER THE AGENDA FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. A
SPOKESMAN SAID THE TALKS ARE TENTATIVELY SET TO BE HELD IN THE
CHAMBERS OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN CHALAN KAMOA.
SENATOR EDWARD PANSELINAN IS CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION.