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SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF WILSON PRESS CONFERENCE IN GUAM

1. IN PAGE TWO ARTICLE ENTITLED "PALAUAN CLANS MAY FACE BOOT", PACIFIC DAILY NEWS REPORTER ROBERT THOMPSON OPENED HIS COVERAGE TODAY AUGUST 10 OF GUAM PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 9 OF PRESIDENT'S DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE WILSON WITH STATEMENT THEY SOME 6-700 KOROR FAMILIES FACR POSSIBLE DISPLACEMENT UNDER CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO CHIEFS IN PALAU. STORY SAYS WILSON STATED THAT CHIEFS" CLAIM THE LAND AND HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR IN HIS TALKS WITH THEM THAT THE PEOPLE LIVING THRER WILL HAVE TO RENEGOTIATE WITH THE CHIEFS FOR THEIR HOMES. TRACING WILSON'S PRESENTATION OF SOME OF THE COMPLICATING FACTORS INVOLVED,

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THOMPSON SAYS WILSON SAID THAT U.S. "IS WILLING TO RETURN THE LAND TO WHOMEVER BEFORE MICRONESIA ENDS ITS TRUSTEESHIP ROLE." WILSON QUOTED FURTHER AS SAYING "U.S. WOULD CONTINUE FUMBLING ALONG TRYING TO GET THE MESS OF LAND OWNERSHIP STRAIGHTENED OUT."
2. STORY SAID WILSON REVIEWED U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS IN PALAU FOR CONTINGENCY USE, AND THAT IN REPLY TO QUERY HE SAID POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY WOULD BE CLOSING OF U.S. BASES LIKE U TAPAO AND INSTALIATIONS IN OKINAWA. STORY REPORTS WILSON CLARIFIED THIS

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MIS CONCEPTION OF TIME INVOLVED IN MORATORIUM ON TINIAN HOMESTEADING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND "APOLOGIZED FOR LACK OF FULL EXPLANATION EARLNIER."

3. WILSON POINTED TO NEED, REPORTER SAYS, FOR CAUTION IN DISPOSITION OF TINIAN LAND NOW AND URGED AGAINST GOING "BLINDLY DOWN THE SAME OLD ROAD" AND ALIENATING PUBLIC LAND ON TINIAN THROUGH TRANSFERS TO NON-CITIZENS. REPORT ENDS WITH FOLLOWING QUOTE: "THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECULATION ARE TOO OBVIOUS TO MENTION." TRENT

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