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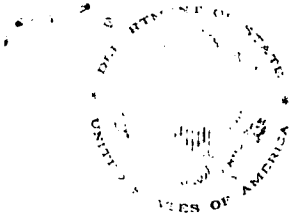
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(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
SAIPAN, AUGUST 22--(CONGRESS RELEASE)--THE UNITED STATES



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GOVERNMENT IS DELIBERATELY WITHHOLDING A POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FROM THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS CHANGED.

SENATOR SALII, WHO HEADS THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, TODAY SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS (OMSN) WHICH HE SAYS HAS SUPPRESSED A BOOKLET AND SOME TAPES PRODUCED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

ACCORDING TO THE SENATOR, THE BOOKLET AND TAPES WERE

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PRODUCED BY THE EFFORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S FORMER STAFF MEMBER, WHO WENT TO WORK FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS WITH THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF CREATING SUCH A PROGRAM.

HOWEVER, THE SENATOR HAS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT BEFORE THE MATERIAL WAS RELEASED, IT WAS REVIEWED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATUS LIAISON OFFICER, MISS MARY TRENT. FROM HER, THEY WERE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS HEADED BY AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN WILLIAMS AND OMSN DIRECTOR JAMES WILSON.

"FURTHERMORE, A VERY HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS TOLD ANY FURTHER POLITICAL EDUCATION EFFORTS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE MATTER IS NO LONGER A CONCERN OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

CHAIRMAN SALII ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO A REMARK MADE BY THE ASIA COMMISSIONER AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT: "WE HAVE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TAKEN CERTAIN VERY SPECIFIC STEPS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND MONTHS TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION."

"BUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS PROGRAM," SALII SAID, "IS

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THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ALSO TOOK CERTAIN VERY SPECIFIC STEPS WITH REGARD TO THIS PROGRAM--THEY SUPPRESSED IT."

"THAT IS WHY I FOUND THE REMARK OF THE NANWARKI OF UH IN PONAPE TO CO-CHAIRMAN SILK ABOUT POLITICAL EDUCATION TO BE A VERY

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IRONIC ONE."

"I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA SHOULD KNOW THE FACTS. IT IS NOT THE CONGRESS OR THE JOINT COMMITTEE THAT ARE HOLDING BACK POLITICAL EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA. IT IS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, AN ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY WHICH IS CHARGED WITH A 'SACRED TRUST' FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, AN ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO PROMOTE--NOT SUPPRESS--POLITICAL EDUCATION ACCORDING TO THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT." HE SAID. "THIS ACTION IS DISGRACEFUL, AND IS A BLIGHT UPON THE REPUTATION OF THE SO-CALLED DEMOCRATIC UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

SENATOR SALTI NOTED THAT HE AND CO-CHAIRMAN SILK HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE SPEAKER AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS ON SAIPAN. HE INDICATED THAT HIS FIRST REACTION UPON HEARING WHAT HAD HAPPENED WAS TO BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

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"HOWEVER, WE HAVE DECIDED TO FIRST CONTACT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS TO SEE IF THE MATTER CAN BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. IF THE AMBASSADOR DOES NOT REVERSE THIS DECISION, THEN WE INTEND TO GO OVER HIS HEAD."

THE SENATOR FROM PALAU, WHO HAS HEADED THE FUTURE STATUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, ALSO INDICATED THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER COURSE OF ACTION WHICH COULD BE TAKEN TO GET THE MATERIAL TO THE PUBLIC.

"THE POLITICAL EDUCATION COMMISSION CREATED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL SOON BE ORGANIZED. THE SUPPRESSED MATERIAL WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IT--AND I AM CERTAIN THAT SOON AFTER THAT, IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA," HE CONCLUDED.

INCENTIVE AWARD)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 22, (MNS)--AN EMPLOYEE OF ROTA AGRICULTURE STATION HAS RECEIVED AN INCENTIVE AWARD IN CEREMONIES HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTAD REP OF ROTA. MARIANAS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAVID G. MARITITA REPRESENTED THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IN PRESENTING THE \$300 CHECK TO PRUDENCIO M. MANGLONA, AGRICULTURE EXTENSION AIDE.

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