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PASS INTERIOR FOR OSM ACTION  
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COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS  
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DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA, CSAF FOR PR XO  
PASS JUSTICE FOR MARCUSE (OLC)  
USUN FOR AMB SCHAUFEL

SUBJECT: TEXT OF STATEMENT BY SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL ON STATUS  
NEGOTIATIONS

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED SEPT 11 IN PALAU BY SENATOR  
ROMAN TMETUHL, MEMBER OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS:

BEGIN TEXT: SEVERAL DISPUTES HAVE RECENTLY ARISEN IN THE MICRONESIAN  
STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; THESE HAVE INCLUDED, IN THE MARIANAS CASE,  
ISSUED REGARDING LAND ON TINIAN, AND IN THOSE CONDUCTED FOR  
THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS OVER

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POLITICAL EDUCATION AND THE RIGHT OF THE CONGRESS TO SUBPOENA ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES. EACH TIME IT APPEARS THAT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS PROMISED SOMETHING AND THE AMERICANS IN SAIPAN OR WASHINGTON HAVE DONE SOMETHING ELSE. NOW WILLIAMS HAS ASKED TIME TO RESOLVE THESE DIFFERENCES WITHIN HIS GOVERNMENT. IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY OR TRUE? IT SEEMS QUESTIONABLE?

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS IS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND IS IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON EVERY DAY HE IS IN MICRONESIA. CAN HE REALLY NOT KNOW WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTS OR WILL DO? IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE SO FAR WE ARE DEALING ONLY WITH ONE BRANCH OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE FINISHED! MICRONESIA (OR THE MARIANAS) HAS MADE MANY CONCESSIONS, AND THEN IT ALL GOES TO THE U.S.

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CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL? MICRONESIA HAS COMMITTED ITSELF, BUT THE UNITED STATES CAN USE ITS CONGRESS TO DISAPPROVE AND TAKE BACK EVERY COMMITMENT WILLIAMS AND EVEN NIXON HAS MADE TO US. AND WE KNOW THAT BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE EVEN FINISHED AMERICANS WILL BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR MILITARY BASES IN MY OWN DISTRICT OF PALAU JUST AS THEY NOW ARE ALREADY DOING ON TINIAN.

ANYONE WHO BELIEVES I AM TOO SUSPICIOUS SHOULD LOOK BACK ON THE HISTORY OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE IN 1946, LESS THAN 30 YEARS AGO AND UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN WHO ONLY RECENTLY DIED AND IS HONORED AS ONE OF AMERICAN'S OUTSTANDING PRESIDENTS. FIRST THE PHILIPPINES WERE FORCED TO ACCEPT, IN RETURN FOR THEIR PROMISED INDEPENDENCE, A CONSTITUTION ESSENTIALLY WRITTEN FOR THEM BY AMERICANS, WHICH GRANTED EXTRAORDINARY RIGHTS BOTH TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO U.S. CORPORATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES. THEN, WITH THEIR COUNTRY LARGELY DESTROYED BY A FOREIGN WAR FIRST ENDED ON THEIR ISLANDS, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS WOULD ONLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR WAR CLAIMS AND RECONSTRUCTION IF THE PHILIPPINES MADE FURTHER CONCESSIONS SO THAT, UNDER

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THE PRINCIPLE OF "PARITY" EVERY U.S. CITIZEN WHO LIVED IN  
TO FILIPINO CITIZENS UNDER THEIR CONSTITUTION. AFTER A BITTER  
STRUGGLE THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION WAS AMENDED TO GRANT  
RIGHTS OF PARITY, AND THEN THE U.S. CONGRESS REFUSED TO  
APPROPRIATE MORE THAN A SMALL FRACTION OF THE MONEY NECESSARY  
TO MEET ITS PROMISES. BUT BY THEN IT WAS TOO LATE TO TURN BACK.

YEARS AGO THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
TRIBES. WE CAN SEE THIS IS THE WAY THE AMERICANS GAIN PERMANENT  
CONTROL OVER THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE CONQUERED. WHAT ARE WE  
MICRONESIANS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

THE LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MICRONESIA IN THESE  
NEGOTIATIONS RESTS WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THROUGH  
ITS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER.  
SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING AS IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES WERE ACTING WITH SINCERITY, AND AS IF THE  
THINGS AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS AGREED TO ARE COMMITMENTS BY  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE, IN THE FACE OF THE  
EVIDENCE BEFORE US, CAN WE SAFELY CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE ON  
THIS BASIS? THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS QUESTION WHICH DEEPLY

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AFFECTS THE LIVES OF ALL MICRONESIANS AND OF OUR CHILDREN  
AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. SO FAR MY COLLEAGUES HAVE NOT  
FACED IT OR EVEN OPENLY RECOGNIZED IT.

THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRO-  
NESIA, INCLUDING THE MARIANAS, MUST THINK ABOUT THIS PROBLEM  
AND DECIDE REALISTICALLY WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. END TEXT  
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