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PRESS RELEASE

Through Mary Vance Trent to Pacific Daily News & MNS

In releasing to the MNS and the Pacific Daily News the text of the U.S. policy statement and the accompanying background on return of Micronesian public land to the districts, please emphasize the following:

-- This U.S. administrative policy decision was taken in response to a Micronesian request to the U.S. Government endorsed by the Joint Committee on Future Status, that the U.S. return to local control the public land the U.S. has been holding in the districts in trust for the people.

The new policy provides for the return of public land to each district if the people of the district so desire.

The text of the U.S. policy statement has been provided to Senator Sali and the JCFS.

Within the next few days the implementation of this policy will be discussed in Washington between the Department of the Interior and the High Commissioner and his staff and between Ambassador Williams and the Joint Committee on Future Status.

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