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PASS TO STATUS END TREAT SAIPAN FOR AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT RECEIVED OMSN 4 DEC 73, FROM SEØØDØD/ REPT. LETTER FROM AMØ TO SEØØDØD DATED 29 OCT 73:

2. QUOTE: YOUR LETTER OF 29 OCTOBER 1973 HIGHLIGHTED CONCERNS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS OVER THE RESOLVE OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A MILITARY BASE ON TINIAN AS A PART OF THE AGREEMENT ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

3. AS EVIDENCED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ENDORSEMENT OF THE UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE STUDY AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANAS ISLAND DISTRICT (TIPI), AND AS INDICATED IN OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FULLY SUPPORTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY LAND ON TINIAN AND PROCEED WITH THE TIME-PHASED DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT-USØ BASE ON THAT PROPERTY.

4. IN ADDITION TO OUR EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE TO YOU CONCERNING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS BASE DEVELOPMENT, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INSTALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS) LAST AUGUST APPROVED THE PROGRAMMING PLAN FOR THE TINIAN BASE AND THE US AIR FORCE HAS ALLOCATED DOLLARS 297,000 TO PLANNING AND SURVEYS FOR THIS FACILITY. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN SENDING VARIOUS SURVEY TEAMS TO THE ISLAND SINCE JULY OF THIS YEAR. [IN SHORT,]

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CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN PREVIOUSLY REVEALED.

5. WE RECOGNIZE FULLY THAT OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT AND APPROVAL FOR THE FINAL MARIANAS AGREEMENT MAY BE DIFFICULT; HOWEVER REST ASSURED THAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT INCLUDING THE EFFORT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TINIAN BASE COMPLEX. AS WE INDICATED INFORMALLY, OUR INITIAL BRIEFINGS ON THE BASE CONCEPT TO CONGRESSIONAL ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES AND THEIR STAFFS DURING THE PAST SPRING AND SUMMER WERE RECEIVED WITH UNDERSTANDING AND GENERAL SUPPORT.

6. AS A RELATED MATTER, I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AS STATED IN SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S LETTER OF 28 MARCH 1973. (A)(S)

IN ADDITION TO THE MARIANAS FACILITIES, TO BUTTRESS OUR LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC POSTURE IN THE PACIFIC, CONTINUING STRATEGIC REVIEWS OF THE PACIFIC/INDIAN OCEAN AREA UNDERSCORE THE LONG TERM NECESSITY TO SATISFY THE LAND REQUIREMENTS STATED IN ANNEX B TO TITLE III OF THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION.

7. BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THESE TWO SETS OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS. SINCERELY,  
J. R. SCHLESSINGER, END QUOTE.

8. SEPTEL FOLLOWS FROM STATE WHICH TAKES EXCEPTION TO SOME LANGUAGE IN PARAS FOUR AND SIX ABOVE. KISSINGER  
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