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PROGRAM: POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE AIR.

#1... A BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

THEME: UP. ESTABLISH TEN SECONDS THEN DOWN AND  
UNDER ANNOUNCER.

ANNOUNCER: THIS PROGRAM, POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE  
AIR, IS A PUBLIC SERVICE PRESENTATION OF THE  
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.  
THE SERIES IS DESIGNED TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN  
AWARENESS OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL ALTERNA-  
TIVES AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

THEME: UP, ESTABLISH FIVE SECONDS THEN DOWN, UNDER  
NARRATOR, AND OUT.

NARRATOR: TODAY, WE WILL TAKE A BRIEF LOOK INTO HISTORY  
TO ACQUAINT OURSELVES WITH SOME OF THE  
IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE  
PAST WHICH HAVE MADE MICRONESIA WHAT IT IS  
TODAY.

THE OVER 2000 TINY ISLANDS THAT MAKE UP  
MICRONESIA EXTEND FROM PALAU, IN THE WESTERN  
CAROLINE ISLANDS, TO THE MARSHALLS IN THE EAST.

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NARRATOR: MICRONESIA'S FIRST EXTENDED EXPERIENCE WITH FOREIGN RULE BEGAN WHEN IT WAS EXPLORED AND THEN SETTLED IN THE ISLANDS IN THE 16TH CENTURY. THE SPANISH REMAINED UNTIL 1598 WHEN THEY SOLD THEIR LAST MICRONESIAN POSSESSION FOR \$4.5 MILLION TO GERMANY.

GERMAN ADMINISTRATION WAS SHORT AND ENDED WITH THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE ISLANDS DURING WORLD WAR I. JAPAN WAS THEN AWARDED A MANDATE BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS THAT ENABLED THE JAPANESE TO ADMINISTER MICRONESIA AS IF IT WERE PART OF JAPAN AND SUBJECT TO CONTROL BY THE JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY. FOLLOWING THE DEFEAT OF JAPAN IN WORLD WAR II THE AMERICAN ERA IN MICRONESIA BEGAN.

THE UNITED NATIONS CAME INTO BEING IN 1945. AN IMPORTANT UN POLICY WAS THAT ALL PEOPLES SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THE UNITED NATIONS ESTABLISHED A SERIES OF

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NARRATOR: "TRUSTEESHIPS" IN 1947 UNDER WHICH CERTAIN UN MEMBERS WERE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING FORMER COLONIAL AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY.

THE UNITED STATES WAS GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MICRONESIA UNDER A TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE UN IN 1947. THUS, MICRONESIA WHICH WAS FIRST RULED BY SPAIN AND BY GERMANY AND LATER COLONIZED BY JAPAN, BECAME A UN TRUSTEESHIP ADMINISTERED BY THE U. S.

AS THE YEARS WENT BY, CONFORMING TO U. N. POLICY, MICRONESIANS WERE GIVEN GREATER SELF-GOVERNMENT. THUS IN 1964, THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY CREATED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THIS CONGRESS BECAME THE HIGHEST LEGISLATIVE BODY IN ALL OF MICRONESIA. DISTRICT LEGISLATURES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED EARLIER.

BY 1967, THREE YEARS AFTER THE CONGRESS WAS CREATED, THE TIME HAD COME TO START LOOKING

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NARRATOR: FOR A NEW POLITICAL STATUS, OTHER THAN THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP. A RESOLUTION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WAS ADOPTED WHICH CREATED A NEW BODY, COMPOSED OF MICRONESIANS ONLY. THIS NEW BODY WAS CALLED THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF STUDYING AND RECOMMENDING THE COURSE OF MICRONESIA'S POLITICAL DESTINY.

THEME: UP, ESTABLISH FOR TEN SECONDS, THEN DOWN AND UNDER ANNOUNCER.

ANNOUNCER: NEXT WEEK WE WILL HEAR PROGRAM TWO OF THE SERIES, POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE AIR. THIS HAS BEEN A PUBLIC SERVICE PRESENTATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN AWARENESS OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

THEME: UP, ESTABLISH FIVE SECONDS THEN DOWN AND UNDER ANNOUNCER.

ANNOUNCER: THIS HAS BEEN A PRESENTATION OF THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING SERVICE AND HAS COME TO YOU FROM SAIPAN.