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SUMMARY: 41ST SESSION OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHARACTERIZED BY MILO STATEMENTS FROM CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REPS WHO PAID LITTLE

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ATTENTION TO STATUS ISSUE, FORTHCOMING US POSITION ON PRE-VIOUSLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, EXTREMELY CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES OF UK, FRENCH AND AUSTRALIAN DELEGATIONS AND RELATIVELY LOW KEY SOVIET PARTICIPATION EXCEPT FOR CHARGE THAT US WOULD VIOLATE UN CHARTER IF IT SEPARATED MARIANAS FROM MICRONESIA. END SUMMARY

1. SENATUR KENDALL'S REFERENCE TO JOING FUTURL STATUS COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS COINCIDED REMARKABLY WITH US PRESENTATION AND APPEARED TO CONVEY TO OTHER DELEGATIONS IMPRESSION THAT FREE ASSUCIATION COMPACT MIGHT BE COMPLETED IN RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD.

PRIVATELY EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT OVER CONTRAST BETWEEN KENDALL'S STATEMENTS THAT TRUSTEESHIP MIGHT NOT BE TERMINATED UNTIL 1961 AND OUR REPEATED ASSERTION THAT WE WILLING TO MOVE JUST AS FAST AS MICRONESIANS WISH.,

VCOMMENTED THAT US AND MICROMESIANS APPEAR AT LAST TO BE HEADED IN SAME DIRECTION.

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2. ON OTHER HAND, MICRONESIANS ARGUED VERY PERSUASIVELY THAT THEY SHOULD BE GRANTED CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT WELL BEFORE TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP. TO RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT COM EMPHASIS ON GREATER CONTROL OVER BUDGET, RESTRICTION OF SECRETARY OF INTERIOR'S VETO POWER AND APPOINTMENT OF MICRONESIANS TO HIGH COURT. COM REPS MADE NO MENTION OF MARSHALLESE SEPARATION AND EVEN MARSHALLESE SENATOR KENDALL DID NOT DWELL ON BIKINI. OTHER DELEGATIONS PRESSED ON MARSHALLESE SEPARATISM BUT WERE WELL SATISFIED WITH US REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR UNITY OF HARSHALLS AND CAROLINES, UNDERLINED BY AMB. WILLIAMS! PRESS STATEMENT MAY 15. TIMELY INTERIOR LETTER ON BIKINI COMPENSATION AND ALC RESTATEMENT OF EVIDENCE THAT BIKINI SAPE FOR RESETTLE-NT DESISED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN BIG PROPAGANDA ISSUES FOR OUR POSITIVE ACTIONS IN PAST YEAR WITH RESPECT BIAS TO LIBERALIZATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT, RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS AND CONVOKING OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION REMOVED FROM COM LITANY OF GRIEVANCES AGAINST ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY ISSUES WHICH HAD PROVOKED LENGTHY DEBATE AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL

3. UK, FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA STRESSED TO US REPS ON SEVERAM.

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THEY ALSO ASKED FOR PUBLICLY -- AND WERE GIVEN BY US -- ASSURANCES THAT USG WELCOMES UN PRESENCE AT EVENTUAL ACTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION. LITTLE DISCUSSION OF FORM OF PLEBISCITE, ALTHOUGH TO FINAL REPORT REFERS TO ISSUE INDIRECTLY WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT "THE TERMS OF THE CONSULTATION WILL BE CLEARLY DEFINED AND THAT NO ALTERNATIVE, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE, WILL BE RULED OUT."

4. RELATIVELY RESTRAINED SOVIET PRESENTATION (SEE SEPTEL)
REASSERTED THEIR BELIEF IN INDEPENDENCE AS LOGICAL OUTCOME
FOR ALL "COLONIAL" TERRITORIES BUT DID NOT ATTACK FREE
ASSOCIATION COMPACT AS SUCH. THEY CHARGED, HOWEVER, THAT
RECENT PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN AMB. WILLIAMS AND SEN. SALII
CONSTITUTED SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WHICH PUT MICRONESIANS
AT "DISADVANTAGE", SOVIETS SAVED MOST OF THEIR FIRE FOR
MARIANAS SEPARATISM, HOWEVER, REMINDING OTHER TC MEMBERS
THAT SECURITY COUNCIL (WHERE THEY HAVE VETO) MUST APPROVE
TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP AND THAT, IN THEIR EYES, WE
ENGINEERING SEPARATE MARIANAS STATUS IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE
ISLANDS INTO US AGAINST WILL OF REST OF MICRONESIA.

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5. CHINESE AGAIN DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

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6. FOR FIRST TIME SEVERAL MICRONESIANS ON DEPARTMENT'S INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ROUTED TO NEW YORK EXPRESSLY

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FOR COUNCIL SESSION. THE APPEARED TO FOLLOW PROCEEDINGS WITH INTENSE INTEREST. THEIR PRESENCE AT INFORMAL RECEPTIONS ALSO HELPED TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDINGS OF US-MICRONESIAN NEGOTIATIONS ON PART OF OTHER UN MEMBERS. SCALI BT #2173
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