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FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIES,
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SUMMARY: U.S. DELEGATION MEETS WITH MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR KEEPING MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED, AND PARTICIPATE IN U.S. DELEGATION AND CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR STEVENSON INDICATES DELEGATION WILL CONSULT FULLY WITH MICRONESIANS AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSITIONS IN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BUT CANNOT AGREE TO ADOPT THEM PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND CONSULTATION WITH FISHERIES EXPERTS

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ON U.S. DELEGATION, END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR STEVENSON, PROFESSOR MOORE, AMB. MCKERNAN, AND MR. HOWARD POLLOCK MET WITH SENATOR ANDON AMARICH, CHAIRMAN, MICRONESIAN COMMITTEE ON LOS AND THEIR COUNSEL FREDERICK RAMP, AND FREDRICK WYLE, TO DISCUSS THE CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS AND REVIEW THE AD REFERENDUM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF MAY 22, 1974 BETWEEN THE JOINT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES WORKING GROUP ON MICRONESIA OF THE INTERAGENCY LOS TASK FORCE, CHAIRED BY MR. HOWARD POLLOCK. AMBASSADOR STEVENSON INDICATED HIS PLEASURE AT MEETING WITH THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN ALL RESPECTS IN KEEPING THEM INFORMED OF ACTIVITIES AT THE CONFERENCE AND OBTAINING THEIR VIEWS ON POSITIONS THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS CONSIDERING.

3. THERE FOLLOWED A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES WERE HAVING IN KEEPING-INFORMED AND HAVING ACCESS TO THE U.S. DELEGATION AND PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE.

4. AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AGREED TO HAVE A WEEKLY IN-DEPTH MEETING BETWEEN MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES AND U.S. COMMITTEE TEAMS AND TO ARRANGE FOR DAILY BRIEFINGS OF THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON CURRENT CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES. IT WAS LATER AGREED THIS DAILY BRIEFING WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY PERMITTING SENATOR AMARICH TO PARTICIPATE IN U.S. DELEGATION MEETINGS WHEN HE HAD RECEIVED APPROPRIATE SECURITY CLEARANCE.

5. AMBASSADOR STEVENSON THEN TURNED TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF JUNE 22, 1974 BETWEEN THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES AND U.S. WORKING GROUP ON MICRONESIA, INDICATING THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES HIS VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THE MEMORANDUM, AND THE SUBSEQUENT LETTER WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SENATOR AMARICH. HE INDICATED THAT HE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH THE CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION OF THE MICRONESIANS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THAT HE WOULD TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE POSITIONS SET FORTH IN THE MEMORANDUM AND CONTINUE TO GIVE MOST SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THEIR VIEWS, BUT THAT

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ADOPTION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF THE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS DETAILED IN THE MEMORANDUM MUST AWAIT FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE, IN RESPECT OF WHICH HE WOULD BE CONSULTING FULLY WITH THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES. HE THEN DELIVERED A LETTER TO SENATOR AMARICH TO THAT EFFECT.

6. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSIONS AMBASSADOR STEVENSON EXPLAINED TO THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES THAT, WHILE HE THOUGH THE OBJECTIVES IN THE MEMOPANDUM WERE REASONABLE AND IN HIS VIEW SUBSTANTIALLY ACHIEVEABLE IN THE CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS, THE U.S. DELEGATION COULD NOT AGREE TO ADOPT THESE POSITIONS AT THE OUTSET OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HE PLANNED TO INITIATE PROMPTLY AND WITH THE FISHERIES REPRESENTATIVES ON THE U.S. DELEGATION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN DEVELOPING U.S. POSITION AND IN THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. SENATOR AMARICH AND THE OTHER MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED ON THAT BASIS.
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