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SUBJECT: MICRONESIA AS SEEN BY PAPUA NEW GUINEA
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COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC; STATE
FOR EA/ANPH IO/UNP; DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA;
USUIN FOR AMB WHITEV AMEMBASSIES CANBERRA
AND TOKYO FOR POL; CINCPACREP: GUAM/TTP; PASS STATUS LNO
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1. WHILE PNG LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH THE COUNTRY'S OWN IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, IT ALSO IS INTERESTED IN STATUS DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBABILITIES IN MICRONESIA AS PART OF AWAKENING AWARENESS OF PACIFIC AREA AND PNG'S ROLE THEREIN. ALTHOUGH THIS INTEREST BROUGHT READY RESPONSES AND ATTENTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND UNIVERSITY FACULTY DURING MY DISCUSSIONS IN PORT MORESBY JULY 15-19, IT WAS ALSO APPARENT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE INFORMATION AT HAND ON ACTUAL COURSE AND TREND OF OUR STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. MEETING (ACCOMPANIED BY CONGEN) WITH OFFICERS AT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CHAIRED BY: B, AS
BROUGHT REQUEST TO REVIEW COURSE OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS FROM BEGINNING. IN DOING SO I DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL TWO TRACKS, AND REASONS THEREFORE, ON WHICH WE ARE NOW ENGAGED. DESCRIPTION OF MARIANAS TALKS PRODUCED NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONCERNING SEPARATION OR U.S. MILITARY PLANS. PNG OFFICERS DID HOWEVER RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO MARSHALLESE INTENTIONS. GROUP WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED, PRESUMABLY IN VIEW OF THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE, IN PLANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, AND IN EXPECTED REFERENDA FOR CONSTITUTION AND STATUS AGREEMENTS. ONE OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT PNG CONTEMPLATES NO SUCH POPULAR CONSULTATION AND THAT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY APPROVAL DEEMED SUFFICIENT SINCE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENT THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

3. ON UNILATERAL TERMINATION, DISCUSSION BROUGHT OUT VIEW THAT PERHAPS MICRONESIANS HAD NOT BEEN SO WELL ADVISED TO INSIST ON SUCH PROVISION SINCE IT WOULD WORK TO THEIR DETRIMENT SHOULD US WISH TO EXERCISE IT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT OF US RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER PROSPECTIVE FREE ASSOCIATION, I SHOWED THEM TITLE II OF DRAFT COMPACT. THEY GAVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO DRAFT AS IT PERTAINS TO AFFILIATION WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. THESE TWO POINTS NAMED IN ABOVE PARA. -- UNILATERAL TERMINATION AND US RESERVATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- WERE ALSO POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO

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A GROUP OF SIX MEMBERS OF POLITICAL STUDIES FACULTY IN DISCUSSION AT UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA. GROUP REPRESENTED WIDE RANGE OF PACIFIC BACKGROUND - TONGA, FIJI, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND. TONGAN PROFESSOR SIONE LATUKEFU WHO HAS TAUGHT PACIFIC HISTORY AT UNIVERSITY FOR PAST SIX YEARS (AND PLANS TO VISIT MICRONESIA NEXT YEAR) REQUESTED CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO HOLD CYNICAL VIEW THAT REAL REASON US RAISED ITS GRANTS TO MICRONESIA TO CURRENT HIGH FIGURE WAS TO CREATE SUCH COMPLETE DEPENDENCE BY MICRONESIA ON US THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE ON ITS OWN. GROUP WANTED TO KNOW RATIONALE FOR TINIAN BASE BUT AFTER I OUTLINED RELATIONSHIP TO US COMMITMENTS FOR SECURITY IN AREA, DID NOT PURSUE MATTER OR COMMENT ON OTHER US MILITARY INTEREST IN TT. FIJIAN REMARKED SHE UNDERSTOOD MICRONESIANS OPPOSED ANY STORAGE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN MICRONESIA.

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THEY HAD HAD VISITS FROM MICRONESIANS
VG LAZARUS SALII AND
CARL HEINE WERE ONLY NAMES MENTIONED AND THEY SEEMED A LITTLE VAGUE ABOUT OTHERS. THEY COMMENTED THAT MICRONESIANS OCCASIONALLY ATTEND SPECIAL SEMINARS AT PNG UNIVERSITY. FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICER WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING BEEN GUEST OF MICRONESIANS AT LUNCH IN NEW YORK DURING RECENT UNCT SESSION. ALL WERE SHORT OF DOCUMENTATION ON STATUS TALKS AND REMARK WAS MADE THAT ONLY PRESENT SOURCE IS PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY. I SAID I WOULD REQUEST THAT TRANSCRIPTS BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH AMCONGEN PORT MORESBY TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND PNG UNIVERSITY LIBRARY. (COMMENT: SUGGEST STATUS LNO ADD TO MAILING LIST AND FORWARD TWO SETS STATUS NEGOTIATION PUBLICATIONS BEGINNING ROUND 3 TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, P.O. BOX 3492, PORT MORESBY, HHPUA NEW GUINEA.)

6. DISCUSSION ALSO HELD IN COMPANY CONGEN WITH [] AND THREE OFFICERS OF HIS POLITICAL SECTION. WHILE [] TERMED PNG INTEREST IN MICRONESIA "MARGINAL" HE CONFIRMED FEELING DRAWN FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH [] THAT AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IS QUITE CONSIDERABLE AND GROWING. I

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7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MICRONESIAN INTEREST IN FORTUNES OF
ITS RELATIVELY NEAR NEIGHBOR ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE AS PNG
TRUSTEESHIP NEARS TERMINATION, I HAVE DISCERNED NEITHER IN
MICRONESIA NOR IN DISCUSSIONS IN PNG ANY DEEP FEELING OF
MUTUAL AFFINITY OR FRATERNAL CONCERN. NEVERTHELESS
POLITICALLY THE TWO AREAS AS PART OF THE CHANGING SCENE IN
THE PACIFIC MAY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE INCREASING CONTACT.
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