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SUBJECT: MICRONESIA AS SEEN BY PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PASS INTERIOR FOR OMSN ACTION; INTERIOR FOR DOTA INFO;
COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC; STATE
FOR EA/ANPN IO/UNP; DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA;
USUN FOR AMB WHITEV AMEMBASSIES CANBERRA
AND TOKYO FOR POL; CIMCPACREP GUAM/TTPI PASS STATUS LNO
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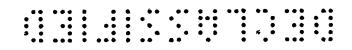
1. WHILE PNG LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH THE COUNTRY'S OWN IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, IT ALSO IS INTERESTED IN STATUS DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBABILITIES IN MICRONESIA AS PART OF AWAKENING AWARENESS OF PACIFIC AREA AND PNG'S ROLE THEREIN. ALTHOUGH THIS INTEREST BROUGHT READY RESPONES AND ATTENTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM GOVERNMENT AFFICIALS AND UNVIERSITY 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.

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THESE TWO POINTS NAMED IN ABOVE PARA -- UNILATERAL TERMINATION AND US RESERVATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- WERE ALSO POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO AGE 03 MANILA 08668 220812Z

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A GROUP OF SIX MEMBERS OF POLITICAL STUDIES FACULTY IN DISCUSSION AT UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA. REPRESENTED WIDE RANGE OF PACIFIC BACKGROUND - TONGA, FIJIN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALANDM TONGAH 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 . TO OWN. WANTED TO KNOW RATIONALE FOR TINIAH 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 FIJIAH REMARKED SHE UNDERSTOOD MICRONESIANS OPPOSED ANY STORAGE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN MICRONESIA.

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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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