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FM HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN MARIANAS ISLANDS  
TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC  
INFO DISTAD PALAU CAROLINE ISLANDS

UNCLAS//INFO TO PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, SPEAKER ITELBANG LUIT,  
PASS TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS CMM X THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER  
OF NOV. 15, 1974 X I HAVE YET TO HEAR FROM INTERIOR REGARDING MY  
SUGGESTION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERIOR CMM TTPI AND JCFS MEET  
TO ATTEMPT TO COME UP WITH AN ACCEPTABLE DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR  
PRESENTATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN JANUARY ON THE RETURN  
OF PUBLIC LANDS X OUR PREFERENCE REMAINS THIS RATHER THAN USING AN  
EXECUTIVE ORDER TO RETURN PUBLIC LANDS IN MICRONESIA X THE JCFS  
POSITION AS I PRESENTED IT TO YOU IN HONOLULU IS THIS CLN THE ONLY  
WAY AN EXECUTIVE ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE WILL BE EITHER (1) THAT NO  
CONDITIONS WERE SET IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING RETURN OF PUBLIC  
LANDS OR (2) THAT THE CONDITIONS SET IN SENATEBILL 296 AND NO OTHERS  
BE  
INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER X FURTHER CMM THAT ANY EXECUTIVE  
ORDER WILL HAVE TO HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL REPEAT APPROVAL OF JCFS BEFORE  
IT IS ISSUED CMM RATHER THAN MERELY TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF LOCAL LEADERS

QUOTE CONSIDERED UNQUOTE X I ALSO INDICATED TO YOU IN HONOLULU THAT

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IF PRIOR APPROVAL OF JCFS WERE NOT OBTAINED BEFORE ISSUANCE OF ANY  
EXECUTIVE ORDER CMM THAT I CANNOT CMM GIVEN THE POSITION OF MY DISTRICT

CMM AGREE TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH YOU X TO SUMMARIZE CMM  
RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE THROUGH LEGISLATION  
WITH A COMMITMENT FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATION

X IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DRAFT LEGISLATION  
CMM I WILL REPEAT MY SUGGESTION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERIOR CMM

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TTPI AND JCFS MEET TO DRAFT THE BILL X ALSO CMM THAT JCFS WILL ACCEPT  
EXECUTIVE ORDER ONLY IF PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE JCFS WERE OBTAINED  
X CHAIRMAN LAZARUS SALTII JCFS SENDS.

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