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FOR STATUS LNO FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS
PLEASE ASK MNS TO RELEASE FOLLOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

QUOTE

AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS COMMENTED TODAY, THROUGH THE STATUS LIAISON OFFICER IN SAIPAN, ON A RECENT MNS RELEASE REGARDING THE PUBLIC LAND TRANSFER QUESTION DISCUSSED DURING A MEETING IN HONOLULU LAST MONTH WITH SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JCFS; THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD RECENTLY SENT A MESSAGE TO THE SENATOR WHICH POINTS OUT THAT MUCH OF THE HONOLULU DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT CONCERNED THE MEANS BY WHICH EXECUTIVE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AND THE SENATOR'S SUGGESTION THAT MICRONESIAN LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE NECESSARY EXECUTIVE ACTION.

THE AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE NOTES THAT EXECUTIVE ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER REQUESTS FROM THE JCFS AND THE COM AND SOME DISTRICTS. IT WOULD FOLLOW THE POLICY STATEMENT ISSUED A YEAR AGO, WHICH HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED A YEAR AGO BY THE JCFS AND THE LEADERSHIP IN TWO OF THE DISTRICTS.

THE AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE CONCLUDES BY SAYING "WE NOW
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KNOW OF NOTHING THAT SHOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF THE WISHES
OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA FOR THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS
TO THE DISTRICTS TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THEM ON EXACTLY
THE SAME BASIS THAT WAS ENDORSED BY THE JCFS LAST YEAR.
I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE MEETING WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF
INTERIOR HAS CALLED WILL BRING ABOUT A FULL UNDERSTANDING
AND A SPIRIT OF FULL COOPERATION IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE
FOR THESE DISTRICTS WHICH WANT TITLE TO THESE PUBLIC
LANDS TO RECEIVE SUCH TITLE WITHOUT ANY FURTHER UNNECES-
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