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SUBJECT: JCFS REPORT ON ROUND VII
1. SEN LAZARUS SALIY, CHAIRMAN JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS
(JCFS) INTRODUCED SUBJECT REPORT WITHOUT COMMENT IN SENATE FEB 15.
(COPIES AIR MAILED OMSN, EA/ANP, IO/UNP). LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO
SENATE
PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER NOTES THAT SEVENTH ROUND "ENCOMPASSED
TWO IMPORTANT FACETS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS." LETTER CONTINUES: "FIRST,
WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING
THE RETURN OF SO-CALLED PUBLIC LANDS TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

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THE JOINT COMMITTEE EXPECTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ACCOMPLISHING THIS TRANSFER AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION. SECOND, THE SUBJECT OF FUTURE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MICRONESIA

WAS CONSIDERED AT GREAT LENGTH, WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS, AS A RESULT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON THE LANGUAGE OF A PROPOSED COMPACT TITLE CONCERNING FINANCE, THE TWO DELEGATIONS REMAIN FAR APART ON THE ACTUAL LEVELS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT."

2. LETTER IS SIGNED BY FULL JCFS WITH RESIO MOSES AS ALTERNATE FOR BAILEY OLTER.

3. REPORT INCLUDES TEXTS OF TITLES I, II, III AND U.S. DRAFT OF ANNEX D. ADDITIONALLY IT PRESENTS "ANALYSES" OF USG PUBLIC LAND STATEMENT AND OF DRAFT COMPACT TITLES I-XII. TRANSCRIPTS PUBLISHED

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APPEAR COMPATIBLE WITH OMSN REPORT.

4. REPORT FURNISHED SUBJECT OF BANNER HEADLINES TODAY'S (FEB 20) PACIFIC DAILY NEWS: "MILITARY LAND LEASE DISPUTE CAUSE IN BREAKOFF OF TT TALKS." WHILE ARTICLE TURNS OUT TO BE LESS DRAMATIC THAN HEADING, IT ASSERTS THAT SEVENTH ROUND BROKE OFF "ABRUPTLY", PRINCIPALLY "OVER THE MONEY QUESTION", AND OPENS WITH THIS PARAGRAPH: "A 94-YEAR DIFFERENCE ON THE LENGTH OF LEASES FOR MILITARY RETENTION LANDS IN MICRONESIA HAS EMERGED AS A PRIME REASON FOR THE ABRUPT BREAK IN TRUST TERRITORY FUTURE STATUS TALKS LAST NOVEMBER."

5. REFERRING TO WIDE DIFFERENCE IN POSITIONS ON SURVIVABILITY, SALII IS QUOTED AS SAYING (APPARENTLY TO PDN REPORTER) "THIS IS A RIDICULOUS SUGGESTION ON THEIR PART AND THEY KNOW WE CAN'T ACCEPT IT." TRENT.

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