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3. Conclusions:

a. Recent events have created additional political obstacles to an early DOD Palau Land Survey.

b. From the DOD point of view, as indicated in the 15 Feb Scott memorandum, the earlier the survey the better.

c. If future talks are delayed, it would be unnecessary to stir the political pot with a survey at this time, and therefore prudent to await the resolution of some of these political issues.

d. However, if an early date is decided for the next round of status talks, an early survey will be necessary to provide OMSN basic information required for the negotiations.

4. Recommendation:

That this problem be discussed with the Chairman, JCFS and only if a new round of talks are scheduled this summer should pressure be applied for an early survey.

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