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THE REPORT WAS JOINTLY PREPARED BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION, SENATOR PETRUS TUN AND REPRESENTATIVE JOAB SIGRAH, RESPECTIVELY. THEY WERE DIRECTED LAST YEAR BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS TO INVESTIGATE THE MAUNAOLO

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SITUATION WHEN CERTAIN EVENTS DEVELOPED CONCERNING PROBLEMS OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS.

IN SUBMITTING THE REPORT TO THE SENATE, SENATOR TUN SAID THE REPORT PRIMARILY CONCENTRATES ON THE PROBLEMS OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ENCOUNTERED IN A PRE-FRESHMAN PROGRAM AT MAUNAOLU CAMPUS OF USIU. HOWEVER, HE SAID, IT ALSO CONSIDERS VARIOUS RELATED PROBLEM AREAS AS THEY AFFECT MICRONESIAN STUDENTS IN GENERAL ATTENDING SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF MICRONESIA.

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TUN ALSO SAID THE REPORT CONTAINS MANY RECOMMENDATIONS BUT FEELS ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES IS THAT IT HAS BEEN OVER FIVE YEARS SINCE THE CONGRESS HAS TAKEN A "HARD LOOK AT OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF MICRONESIA." HE SAID SINCE CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING POLITICAL STATUS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE DURING THIS CONGRESS TO AGAIN CONDUCT A "THOROUGH REVIEW OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT SYSTEM." A SIMILAR STATEMENT WAS GIVEN IN THE HOUSE BY CONGRESSMAN JOAB SIGRAH ON THE SAME REPORT.

THE REPORT DEALS LARGELY WITH MICRONESIAN STUDENTS' PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THEIR PRE-FRESHMAN PROGRAM AT USIU'S MAUNAOLU CAMPUS AND OFFERS RECOMMENDATIONS AS A GUIDELINE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO FOLLOW IN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD.

IT RECOMMENDS THAT THE IT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THROUGH ITS HEADQUARTERS AND SEVERAL DISTRICTS OFFICES AND THROUGH ITS COUNSELORS, URGE STUDENTS TO BE "EXTREMELY" CAUTIOUS IN CHOOSING PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING. THIS IS BECAUSE IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS, SOME 30 PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES HAD CLOSED DOWN IN THE U.S. DUE TO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, THE REPORT

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STATED. IT URGES THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ADVISE STUDENTS OF THIS SITUATION FOUND IN MANY SMALL PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT MAUNAOLU AND USIU IN GENERAL ARE PERHAPS EXAMPLES OF "GOOD INTENTIONS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS."

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IT NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE "SHAKY" FINANCIAL SITUATIONS OF MANY SMALL PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE U.S., THERE "IS GREATER COMPETITION AMONG THESE SCHOOLS TO SECURE STUDENTS TO KEEP THEM OPERATING."

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE HEARSAY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE MIDWEST WHO LEARNED OF THE MAUNAOLU SITUATION HAD ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT MICRONESIAN STUDENTS, SOME OF WHOM HAD BEEN ACCEPTED WITHOUT SUBMITTING APPLICATION. IT SAYS THAT THE MIDWEST PRIVATE SCHOOL IS ALSO ENCOUNTERING THE SAME PROBLEMS FROM MICRONESIAN STUDENTS SIMILAR TO THE MAUNAOLU SITUATION. THE REPORT NOTED THAT THIS PROBLEM COMES ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE LARGE CONCENTRATION OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS IN ONE SMALL CAMPUS.

THE REPORT RECOMMENDS, AMONG OTHERS, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE MAUNAOLU-USIU SITUATION

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AND ADVISE MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ACCORDINGLY.

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