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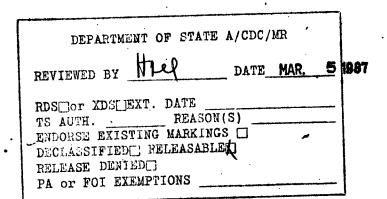
SUBJECT: TTPI: UN VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE

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1. WE HAVE INFORMALLY ADVISED MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN, FRENCH, SOVIET AND UK MISSIONS HERE THAT USG EXPECTS TO HOLD PLEBISCITE IN MARIANAS ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED COVENANT IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY AND HOPES THAT NEXT TURSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION WILL AUTHORIZE PERIODIC VISITING MISSION (UNVM) TO OBSERVE PLEBISCIT AMONG ITS OTHER FUNCTIONS.

2. AMB WHITE HAD CORDIAL AND LOW-KEY CONVERSATION MAR 10 WITH SOV REPS KOVALENKO AND KARTASHOV. THEY MADE NO EFFORT PAGE 02 USUN N 00760 111439Z

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TO CRITICIZE SEPARATE STATUS FOR MARIANAS BUT WERE NONCOMMITTAL ABOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NEXT UNVM. MISOFF MET WITH FRENCH (DE LATAILLADE) AND UK (RICHARDSON) AUSTRALIAN (REID), REPS ON MAR 7. RICHARDSON INDICATED THAT SINCE UK WILL BE ELECTED TO CHAIRMAN AT NEXT SESSION, IT LIKELY THAT UK ALTERNATE PERMREP MURRAY WILL AGREEE TO CHAIR UNVM AS WELL. / LATAILLADE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GOF CHOICE TO PARTICIPATE IN UNYM BUT THAT HE ABSOLUTELY UNABLE TO BEGIN MISSIOH UNTIL JULY. HE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING PLEBISCITE WEEKEND OF JULY 6, ENABLING HIM TO REACH GUAM BY JULY 1-2. SAID THAT AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD DEPEND ON PAPUA~ NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE DATE, SINCE THIS WOULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM TC. IF PNG INDEPENDENCE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTEMBER. CANBERRA LIKELY TO APPROVE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION, ALTHOUGH AT RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL. IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA BECOMES INDEPENDENT IN MID-SUMMER WHILE 🛶 UNVM "STILL ON THE ROAD", CNABERRA WILL PROBABLY DECIDE NOT TO PARTICIPATE SO AS TO AVOID NECESSITY OF "LAME DUCK" MEMBER SIGNING REPORT. ALL 3 REPS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHETHER CONGRESS OF MICRONIESIA (COM) WOULD BE ASKED TO APPROVE SEPARATE STATUS FOR MARIANAS. MISOFF SAID USG EXPECTED THAT MICRONESIAN ACQUIESENCE IN SEPARATE STATUS WOULD BE CONVEYED _ TO TO BEFORE OR AT TIME REQUEST MADE TO TERMINATE TRUSTEE-SHIP. SCALI

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