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FROM STATUS LNO 64
PASS INTERIOR FOR DOTA AND OMSN FOR ACTION
COMTWELVE PASS AMB WILLIAMS
E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR TO
SUBJECT: LETTER TO MICRONESIAN LEADERS

REF: STATE 054800

1. TEXT REFTEL WAS DELIVERED TO SENATOR SALII'S HOME AND TO SPEAKER HENRY, AND RE-TRANSMITTED TO DISTADS TRUK AND MAJURO FOR SENATE PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE VICE SPEAKER SILK RESPECTIVELY, SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 7.
2. TEXT WAS RELEASED TO MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE AND PACIFIC DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT AFTERNOON MARCH 8. MNS CARRIED TEXT IN FULL MARCH 9. PDN RAN FACTUAL FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ON MARCH 9, WITH SEVERAL QUOTATIONS, UNDER HEADLINE "COMPACT, CONSTITUTION AT ODDS: WILLIAMS."

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PDN ARTICLE QUOTED COM ATTORNEY MIKE WHITE AS SAYING COM WAS STUDYING LETTER. ARTICLE ALSO NOTED SAIPAN PALAUAN COMMUNITY'S REQUEST TWO WEEKS AGO FOR AN EARLY REFERENDUM IN PALAU AND SAID SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL "REPORTEDLY WAS GOING TO CONTACT WILLIAMS LAST WEEK WHILE IN WASHINGTON DC AND DISCUSS PALAU-US NEGOTIATIONS." IT MENTIONED COM CREATION IN SESSION ENDING LAST WEEK

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MICRONESIAN COMMISSION ON FUTURE STATUS AND TRANSITION AND NAKAYAMA'S HENRY LETTER IN JANUARY WHICH MAINTAINED 1980 WAS NO LONGER A REALISTIC TARGET DATE FOR TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP.

3. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT YET. BERGESEN

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