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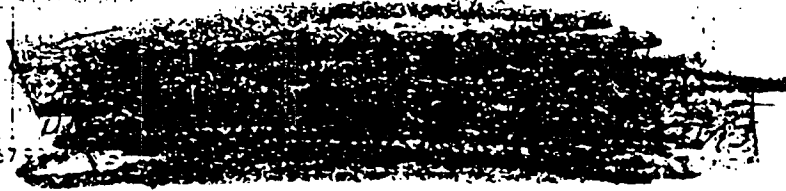
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SUBJECT: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL -- MICRONESIA
 FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM OUR SUMMARY NO. 126 OF JULY 7, 1976 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
 TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL -- MICRONESIA
 STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK AND USSR
 ... THE TO CONTINUED GENERAL DEBATE ON MICRONESIA JULY 7. THE DEBATE
 SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED WITH A STATEMENT BY THE U.S. JULY 8, AND T
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 SESSION TO CONCLUDE JULY 12.

MURRAY (UK) STATED THAT BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP
 AGREEMENT IN 1981 (WHICH SHOULD BE TARGETED, AND NOT FIXED, DATE); 1)
 THE NATURE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.; 2) AN ADMINISTRATION
 MUST BE SET UP TO DEAL WITH THE CONDITIONS LIKELY TO PREVAIL; AND 3)
 SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MUST BE MADE IN THE DIRECTION OF SELF-SUFFI-
 CIENCY. HE HOPED THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD MAINTAIN CLOSE LINKS
 WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE DRAFT
 CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE MODIFIED; A FLEXIBLE FORMULA MIGHT BE
 SUITABLE, WITH A CENTRAL AUTHORITY EXERCISING DIRECTION IN AREAS
 OF COMMON INTEREST BUT DELEGATING CONTROL TO THE STATES OR TO
 DISTRICTS IN OTHER AREAS. THE COST OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE REDUCED
 AND DRASTIC REORGANIZATION TAKE PLACE, AND THE INHABITANTS THEM-
 SELVES SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION MAKING ON SCALING DOWN
 AND DECENTRALIZING THE GOVERNMENT. HE HOPED THE \$45 MILLION TO
 BE SPENT BY THE STATES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDER-
 ED THE FINAL FIGURE. THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO THIS, MUCH DEPENDED ON
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THE POLITICAL WILLINGNESS AND COURAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE DECISIONS WHICH MIGHT BE UNPOPULAR AT THE TIME THEY WERE MADE. MURRAY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIME IT WAS TAKING TO SETTLE THE WAR CLAIMS AND THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE TERMS. IT WAS IMPORTANT, IN HIS VIEW, THAT AN AERIAL SURVEY OF BIKINI SHOULD BE MADE SOON.

KOVALENKO (USSR) CHARGED THAT PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION WAS SLOW, MICRONESIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WAS BEING THREATENED, THE U.S. WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY AND STRATEGIC BRIDGEHEAD, AND, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE, THE U.S. WAS TRYING TO PRESENT THE TC WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. HE CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. INFORMED THE INHABITANTS OF THE ADVANTAGES OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS BUT NOT THE DISADVANTAGES. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY STEPS LEADING TO THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE TERRITORY. THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE NOT ONLY CAUSED POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY THERE, BUT HAD HAD REPERCUSSIONS IN THE REST OF MICRONESIA. HE SUGGESTED THE "SUPERPORT" MIGHT ENCOURAGE SEPARATISM, HAD A HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND INCREASE DEPENDENCY IN THE AREA. HE STATED AT ONE POINT THAT DECISIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE MADE BY THE MICRONESIANS BUT LATER SAID THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON THE POLITICAL STATUS COULD BE RESOLVED BY THE SC. HE REFERRED TO THE UNFLATTERING ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY MADE BY MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES AND CONFIRMED BY THE VISITING MISSION, AND DECLARED THAT THE TC MUST NOW CALL TO SPEEDILY SET MICRONESIA ON THE ROAD TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

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