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3D. EA - US-MICRONESIA CONFERENCE HELD IN HONOLULU  
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US-MICRONESIAN TALKS ON FUTURE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS RESUMED LAST WEEK IN HONOLULU AFTER A RECESS OF ALMOST A YEAR. THE FOUR DAYS OF MEETINGS MAY 18-21 WERE BILLED AS "INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS" RATHER THAN NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE THREE KEY ENTITIES INVOLVED -- CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, PALAU, AND THE MARSHALLS -- WOULD ALL SHOW UP. IN A JOINT PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AS THE CONFERENCE CLOSED, THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO CONVENE A SECOND MEETING ON THE SAME "INFORMAL" BASIS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE TOPICS WERE:

-- MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT AND FROM SECRETARIES VANCE AND ANDRUS EXPRESSED A HIGH LEVEL OF US INTEREST IN ACHIEVING A MICRONESIAN SETTLEMENT, AND SET 1983 AS OUR INTENDED DATE FOR TERMINATION OF THE UN TRUSTEESHIP.

-- THE CIA PROBLEM WAS DEFUSED, WITH THE MICRONESIANS NOT SERIOUSLY CONTESTING THE US POSITION THAT NO CIA ACTIVITIES WOULD BE PERMITTED UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER USG RESPONSE WITH REGARD TO EARLIER ACTIVITIES.

-- THE US (AND MOST IF NOT ALL MICRONESIANS) EXPRESSED A CONTINUING PREFERENCE FOR US-MICRONESIAN "FREE ASSOCIATION" IN THE POST-TRUSTEESHIP PERIOD, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE STATED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER INDEPENDENCE IF THAT PROVES TO BE THE EXPRESS MICRONESIAN DESIRE.

-- THE US INDICATED THAT IT FAVORS MICRONESIAN POLITICAL UNITY BUT CANNOT FORCE THE "SEPARATIST" PALAUANS AND MARSHALLESE BACK INTO THE CENTRAL CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOLD. THE MICRONESIANS AGREED TO DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES IN COMING WEEKS POSSIBILITIES FOR A VIABLE UNITY.

-- THE US INDICATED THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION OVER MICRONESIAN MARINE RESOURCES SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THEY ESPECIALLY RESUME A POSITION WHICH THE MICRONESIANS DO NOT CONTEST.

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