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SUBJECT [ ] MICRONESIA

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1. THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,  
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS MICRONESIA, IS ADMINISTERED  
BY USG UNDER TERMS OF A TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WITH  
THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. USG IS IN THE PROCESS OF  
NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH MICRONESIANS ON A FUTURE  
POLITICAL STATUS RELATIONSHIP FOLLOWING TERMINATION  
OF TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT (WHICH WE HOPE WILL TAKE  
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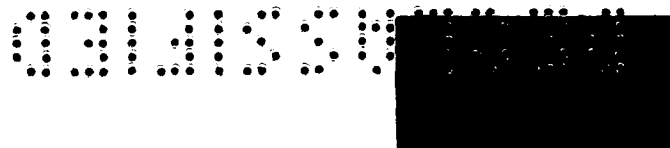
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PLACE BY 1981), BUT OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS

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STILL UNCERTAIN. WE HAVE INFORMED MICRONESIANS AND UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (OF WHICH SOVIETS ARE A MEMBER) THAT WE BELIEVE MOST PROMISING BASIS FOR MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLES OF MICRONESIA AND THE US IS ONE OF FREE ASSOCIATION, BUT THAT WE HAVE NOT EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF TALKS LEADING TO OTHER FORMS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE, IF THAT IS MICRONESIAN WISH. (FREE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WOULD GRANT DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUTHORITY TO US, AND VEST FULL AUTHORITY FOR

INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT WITH MICRONESIANS.) NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLICATED BY SEPARATIST TENDENCIES OF SOME DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY AND BY INTERNAL DISPUTES AS TO WHAT BODY OR BODIES MAY REPRESENT MICRONESIAN PEOPLES IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TWO US/MICRONESIAN CONFERENCES THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS STATUS MATTERS AND FORMAT FOR FUTURE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, BUT NO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS YEAR. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER. FYJ: NEW AMBASSADOR FOR STATUS NEGOTIATIONS HAS JUST BEEN APPOINTED. END FYJ

2. UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE OF 24) ANNUALLY CONSIDERS THE TRUST TERRITORY AND INCLUDES THE OUTCOME OF ITS DELIBERATIONS IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE GA. IN PAST YEARS THERE HAS BEEN NO SEPARATE CONSIDERATION OF MICRONESIA BY THE GA, BUT THIS COULD OCCUR IF A RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED BY ANY UN MEMBER, OTHER THAN REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL. WE HAVE NO REASON AT THIS TIME TO EXPECT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT. SOVIETS HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF US  
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"COLONIALISM" IN THE TRUST TERRITORY AND LAST YEAR ATTACKED US POLICY IN SPEECH DURING PLENARY GA SESSION.

3. ARTICLE 83 OF UN CHARTER STATES THAT "ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELATING TO STRATEGIC AREAS, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL OF THE TERMS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENTS AND OF THEIR ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT, SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL." THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR MICRONESIA SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES THAT IT IS A STRATEGIC AREA AND THE AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED

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BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. (OTHER TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENTS -- FOR NON-STRATEGIC AREAS -- WERE ALL APPROVED BY THE GA.) USG CONSIDERS QUESTION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO BE OUTSIDE COMPETENCE OF COMMITTEE OF 24 AND THE GA. WE OPPOSE CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER BY EITHER BODY AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND, ADDITIONALLY, BECAUSE IT COULD INTERFERE WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE TERRITORY.

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