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MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN BURTON (U)

1. (U) SUMMARY:

A. (U) MEETING BETWEEN CINCPAC AND CONGRESSMAN PHILLIP BURTON (D-CAL) AND BURTON STAFFERS DUNMIRE AND HUNKIN. 21 DEC 79, CONCLUDED ON UP NOTE WITH SEVERAL ISSUES THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED.

B. (U) MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

(1) (C) BURTON VOICED FOLLOWING STRONG ASSERTIONS: THAT HIS SUBCOMMITTEE WAS NOT KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS; THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT AN AGREEMENT BEING CONCLUDED UNDER ONE ADMINISTRATION WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER ANOTHER; THAT CERTAIN FEDERAL PROGRAMS SHOULD CONTINUE WHICH ARE CURRENTLY SLATED FOR CUTOFF.

(2) (C) HIS POSITION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS APPEARED TO BE AIMED PRIMARILY AT EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR MICRONESIAN STUDENTS AND PROGRAMS TO ASSIST PEOPLES OF BIKINI AND ENEWETAK.

(3) (C) CINCPAC STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY AMB ROSENBLATT THAT INITIALLING OF THE COMPACT WAS NOT INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT AND THAT INITIALLING IN NO WAY "FREEZES" THE COMPACT PROVISIONS OR WORDING. WITH THIS ASSURANCE, CINCPAC WAS

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SATISFIED THAT INITIALLING WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS TO OBTAIN SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS PROTECTING USG DEFENSE INTERESTS DURING THE COMPACT PERIOD AND BEYOND.

(4) (C) THE CONGRESSMAN RESPONDED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT NECESSARILY DISAGREE WITH CINCPAC POSITION THAT INITIALLING COMPACT WOULD NOT "LOCK IN" THE US TO COMPACT WORDING, HIS REPUBLICAN MEMBERS WOULD PROBABLY NOT AGREE AND HE WOULD SUPPORT THEM. HE INDICATED HIS CONCERN THAT RELATIVELY UNGOPHISTICATED MICRONESIAN LEADERS WOULD PERCEIVE THE INITIALLING AS FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE COMPACT, THUS "LOCKING IN" ITS TERMS AND LANGUAGE AS FAR AS THE GMI AND FSM ARE CONCERNED.

C. (U) KWAJALEIN.

(1) (C) DUNMIRE MADE POINT THAT HE BELIEVED MARSHALLESE WERE ABUSING OUR TRUST IN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KMR.

(2) (C) DUNMIRE ASKED WHAT PROVISIONS CINCPAC HAD FOR ENFORCING OUR RIGHTS ON KWAJALEIN.

(3) (C) CINCPAC RESPONDED THAT IF THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY IN KWAJALEIN, WE WOULD TAKE ACTION WITHIN OUR LEGAL AUTHORITY TO RESTORE ORDER AND OPERATIONS.

D. (U) NORTHERN MARIANAS.

(1) (U) BURTON ASKED ABOUT INTERIM USE AGREEMENT AND STATED HE BELIEVED GOVERNOR CAMACHO WAS VERY COOPERATIVE WITH USG. HE EXPRESSED POSITION THAT IMPORTANT THING ABOUT TINIAN LAND WAS TO SECURE IT AGAINST DEVELOPMENT SPECULATION, AND THAT MONEY WAS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE. HE FURTHER STATED HE WAS NOT SURE THE MONEY SHOULD BE PAID YET -- THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE TOO YOUNG TO ABSORB \$28 MILLION. HE REQUESTED THAT SENIOR OFFICER KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE TINIAN FUNDING VISIT HIS SUBCOMMITTEE IN JANURAY.

(4) (U) CINCPAC RESPONDED THAT WE FELT CAMACHO WAS COOPERATIVE AND THAT INTERIM USE AGREEMENT WAS WORKING WELL. CINCPAC ALSO STATED HE WOULD ASK THAT VADM CROWE MEET WITH MR. BURTON REGARDING THE FUNDING OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEASES.

E. (U) CIVIC ACTION TEAMS: BURTON STATED CATEGORICALLY THEY WERE THE GREATEST THINGS GOING IN MICRONESIA AND WANTED A PAPER ON OUR PROGRAM. CINCPAC IS TAKING FOR ACTION.

F. (U) MAJURO DISASTER: BURTON STATED MILITARY RESPONSE TO MAJURO CRISIS WAS SUPERB AND ASKED FOR A REPORT SUITABLE FOR ENTRY INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. CINCPAC IS TAKING FOR ACTION.

G. (U) ENEWETAK CLEANUP: THE CONGRESSMAN STATED DNA OPERATIONS ON ENEWETAK WERE EXCELLENT AND AGAIN ASKED FOR SUITABLE PIECE FOR ENTRY IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

H. (U) GUAM CIVIC-MILITARY RELATIONS.

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(1) (U) BURTON OPENED THIS DISCUSSION BY STATING HE FELT RELATIONS WERE DETERIORATING. HE ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF THE APRA HARBOR/OROTE POINT AMMUNITION WHARF PROJECT.

(2) (U) CINC RESPONDED THAT OVER PAST TWO YEARS THERE HAS BEEN STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN MILITARY-CIVILIAN RELATIONS ON GUAM, THAT SCHOOLS ARE BETTER, THE LAND USE STUDY IS MOVING TOWARD RETURNING SOME OF THE OOD LAND HOLDINGS THERE, AND THAT IN CINCPAC VIEW, THE SITUATION ON GUAM IS IMPROVING CONTINUALLY.

I. (U) PALAU CONSTITUTION:

(1) (U) BURTON RAISED THIS ISSUE BY STATING THAT HE DIS-AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT'S POSITION THAT PALAUANS MIGHT ALTER THEIR CONSTITUTION WITH REGARD TO NUCLEAR SUBSTANCES. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT U.S. SHOULD NOT BE WANTING TO "DUMP NUCLEAR GARBAGE" IN PALAU.

(2) (U) CINCPAC MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) (U) NUCLEAR SUBSTANCES, ETC., ARE PROHIBITED BY PALAU CONSTITUTION IN ITS INTERNAL (ARCHIPELAGIC) WATERS.

(B) (U) THIS PREVENTED FREE PASSAGE/VISITS OF NPWS.

(C) (U) THIS WAS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO DEFEND.

(3) (C) AT THIS POINT THE CONGRESSMAN STATED THAT WHEN THE MICRONESIAN TALK ABOUT ARCHIPELAGOS THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT FISH-ING. HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT HE HAD NEVER MADE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ARCHIPELAGO PROBLEM AND THE NUCLEAR PROHIBITIONS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE WOULD BEND HIS EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE PALAUANS TO CHANGE THOSE PROVISIONS.

2. (U) CINCPAC AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. (U) PROVIDE BURTON WITH PAPERS ON CIVIC ACTION TEAMS AND THE MAJURO DISASTER.

B. (U) ASK JCS TO TASK DNA TO PROVIDE A REPORT CONCERNING ENEWETAK CLEANUP SUITABLE FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, TO MR. DUNMIRE OF BURTON'S SUBCOMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON.

C. (U) ASK THAT VADM CROWE MEET WITH MR. BURTON TO DISCUSS THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEASE MONEY IN JANUARY. BURTON ASKS VISIT BE ARRANGED THROUGH MR. DUNMIRE.

3. (U) PLEAGE ADVISE IF JCS IS UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH EITHER OF ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 2B OR 2C ABOVE.

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