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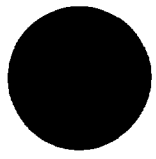
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RUEKJCS/SECDEF (OASD/ATOMIC ENERGY FOR CAPT ANGLEMAN)

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FM HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN

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5002534 "IN CONCLUSION, THE FOURTH ROUND OF STATUS TALKS IN KOROR SAW AGREE-  
MENT ON THE MICRONESIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR UNILATERAL TERMINATION; IT SAW  
MICRONESIAN RECOGNITION OF THE U.S. NEED FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AF-  
FAIRS AUTHORITY IN MICRONESIA. IT SAW PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF TRAN-

SITION AND FINANCE, WHICH ARE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BOTH EEEONS

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"MANY DETAILS, AND SOME LARGE ISSUES, REMAIN TO BE DEALT WITH IN  
FUTURE MEETINGS WITH UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS CLEAR, FOR  
INSTANCE, THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDINGS DEPEND ON AGREEMENT ON

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THE NATURE OF FINANCING.

"APART FROM THE MATTER OF FINANCING, THERE REMAIN SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE TOWARD MICRONESIAN SOVEREIGNTY. THE UNITED STATES POSITION APPEARS TO RECOGNIZE MICRONESIAN SOVEREIGNTY ONLY INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO THE MAKING OF THIS COMPACT. THE UNITED STATES DECLINES TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANY INHERENT SOVEREIGNTY ON THE PART OF EITHER THE PEOPLE OR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA. THIS RESERVATION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES MAY YET CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALSO, WHILE IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED BY BOTH SIDES THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE BROAD AUTHORITY IN THE FIELDS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE, THERE REMAIN SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH REFERENCE TO THE EXACT SCOPE AND NATURE OF SUCH AUTHORITY -- PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

"DESPITE THE WORK THAT REMAINS AHEAD, HOWEVER, THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT SOME BASIS FOR AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED. WHEN THESE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN, MICRONESIA WAS A TRUST TERRITORY AND THERE WERE THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE HAD IT REMAIN SO.

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THE FIRST SUBSTANTIAL UNITED STATES OFFER WOULD HAVE MADE MICRONESIA A TERRITORY; THE NEXT WOULD HAVE MADE IT A COMMONWEALTH. THESE WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE PROPOSALS. BUT NOW, AT LAST, WE SEE THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW AND UNIQUE POLITICAL STATUS; A SELF-GOVERNING MICRONESIA IN FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A STATUS THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES CAN BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTH NATIONS -- AN HONORABLE END TO THE TRUSTEESHIP AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW NATIONAL LIFE IN MICRONESIA." 5002535

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SAIPAN, APRIL 18, (MNS)---IN A JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED TUESDAY (APRIL 18) ON SAIPAN, U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS AND TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO RETURN ENIWETOK ATOLL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AT THE END OF 1973. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS IN LINE WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS DURING STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN HAWAII LAST YEAR THAT U.S. DEFENSE LAND REQUIREMENTS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS MIGHT BE REDUCED FROM THEIR CURRENT LEVELS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE PEOPLE OF ENIWETOK, WHO WERE MOVED FROM THE HOME

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ISLANDS IN 1946, PRESENTLY OCCUPY UJELANG ATOLL, BUT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER HOME.

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SAIPAN, APRIL 18, (MNS)---IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM TUESDAY AFTERNOON, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON INFORMED THE DISTAD ABOUT THE RETURN OF ENIWETOK. HE ALSO SAID DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN WILL BE TRAVELING WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS THROUGH THE EASTERN DISTRICTS THIS WEEK, AND WILL MEET WITH ENIWETOKESE LEADERS IN MAJURO THIS WEEKEND TO BEGIN DISCUSSING PLANS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE ATOLL, AND THE EVENTUAL RETURN OF THE PEOPLE OF ENIWETOK TO THEIR FORMER HOME.

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(MNS RADIO WIRE)

SAIPAN, APRIL 18, (MNS)---MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIONT. BORJA HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE CONCERNING RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE COMMITTEE WAS CREATED UNDER RECENTLY ENACTED PUBLIC LAW 4C-33. INITIAL HEARINGS ON

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THE OVERALL SITUATION OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK BEGAN ON SAIPAN MONDAY (APRIL 17). OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REPRESENTATIVES HANS WILLIANDER OF TRUK AND TIMOTHY OLKERIIL OF PALAU.

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SAIPAN, APRIL 18, (MNS)---A FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNED SOMETIME MONDAY EVENING (APRIL 17) IN THE OCEAN OFF CHALAN KANOA ON SAIPAN. THE YOUNGSTER WAS IDENTIFIED AS J SON OF MR. AND MRS. OF CHALAN KANOA DISTRICT TWO. THE BOY'S BODY WAS FOUND EARLY TUESDAY MORNING IN DEEP WATER, BEYOND THE LAGOON REEF, BY TWO LOCAL FISHERMEN.

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SAIPAN, APRIL 18, (MNS)---U.S. SURGEON GENERAL JESSE STEINFELD WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN A VISIT TO THE TT TUESDAY (APRIL 18). DR. STEINFELD WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN FROM GUAM TUESDAY AFTERNOON. THE SURGEON GENERAL IS IN CHARGE OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND HAS "MORE TO DO WITH DETERMINATION OF HEALTH POLICY IN THE U.S. THAN ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL," ACCORDING TO TT HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR DR. WILLIAM PECK. HE IS THE HIGHEST-LEVEL U.S. HEALTH OFFICIAL EVER TO VISIT MICRONESIA.

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PALAU, APRIL 18, (MNS)---THE SPEAKER OF THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, ITELBANG LUII, HAS BEEN NAMED TO RECEIVE A "LEADER GRANT" FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. HE IS THE SECOND MICRONESIAN RECIPIENT OF SUCH A GRANT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1972. LUII IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE PALAU FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. FRIDAY (APRIL 21ST). HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PALAU'S DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, HARUO REMELIIL.

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