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SUBJECT: SOVIET ARMY NEWSPAPER ATTACKS U.S. MICRONESIA  
POLICY

REF: MOSCOW 3589

APRIL 23 ARTICLE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DAILY,  
KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, ENTITLED PENTAG N'S ISLAND EXPANSION  
LASHES OUT AT ALLEGED U.S. EFFORT TO USE MICRONESIA TO  
CONTROL THE PACIFIC BASIN AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS OF ASIA AND  
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AND OCEANIA. ARTICLE REPEATS STANDARD SOVIET CRITICISM  
THAT U.S. IS MOVING PIECEMEAL TO INCORPORATE" THE  
DIFFERENT PARTS OF MICRONESIA IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ITS  
MILITARY POSITION IN ASIA. ARTICLE STATES THAT A  
PENTAGON DELEGATION WAS THE ONLY U.S. DELEGATION PRESENT  
AT THE CEREMONY INAUGURATING THE FIRST ELECTED GOVERN-  
MENT OF THE MARIANAS, AND THAT THE U.S. ALSO INTENDS

TO IMPOSE CONTROL OVER THE MARSHALL AND CAROLINE ISLANDS (WHICH PRESENTLY HAVE A "COLONIAL STATUS") AS NEXT STEPS IN ITS ASIAN ISLAND STRATEGY. ARTICLE NOTES SEC. DEF. BROWN'S STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO REMAIN A MAJOR FORCE IN THE PACIFIC; HOLDS THAT MICRONESIA PROVIDES MISSILE FIRING RANGES, BASES AND "RESERVE BASES" FOR U.S. TROOPS IN THE PHILIPPINES, OKINAWA AND SOUTH KOREA; AND ALLEGES THAT THE U.S. SEES MICRONESIA AS PART OF A "STRATEGIC DEFENSE BELT" INCLUDING THE PACIFIC, OKINAWA, AUSTRALIA AND DIEGO GARCIA. ARTICLE CRITICIZES U.S. REMOVAL OF "ABORIGINES" FROM ISLANDS NEAR KWAJALEIN AS A VIOLATION OF THEIR "ELEMENTARY HUMAN RIGHTS" AND AN EXAMPLE OF HOW U.S. POLICY TOWARD MICRONESIA "CONTRADICTS THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE. TONON"

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