What Anthropology is Good for Micronesia?

In this paper I will intend to make a reflection on the use of Anthropology for the
development of Micronesian societies. The degradation that I have witnessed in Chuuk during
my last trip (in 1999), made me question my role as anthropologist, and to consider the
possibility of using our knowledge for improving social and living conditions. Micronesia has
an interesting history of applied anthropology that could allow us to explore its potential and
limitations. We also need to understand the changes of the last 60 years and its consequences,
as well as today’s situation to evaluate the eventual use of applied anthropological research in
Micronesia. This paper will focus on Chuuk State.

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