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**To:** Interested Officials, Departments of State, Defense and the Interior

**From:** Assistant Secretary for Public Land Management

**Subject:** Requests for Information Concerning Visit of Delegation from the Congress of Micronesia for Discussions of Future Political Status

Ten members of the Congress of Micronesia will be in Washington, D. C. this week to discuss the future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The formal sessions will take place at the Department of the Interior. A High Commissioner, appointed by the President and responsible to the Secretary of the Interior, administers the Trust Territory.

It would be appreciated if inquiries made to you by the news media, the Congress, and the general public about these discussions could be channeled to my office in the Department of the Interior. This would aid greatly in avoiding confusion and duplication of effort.

Military questions, of course, will be referred by Interior to the Department of Defense for reply; and questions concerning the United Nations will continue to be referred to the Department of State.

Your cooperation can help make these talks a success.

(Sgd.) Harrison Loesch

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