



MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION

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October 7, 1969

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Dr. Harrop A. Freeman
103 Needham Place
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Tosiwo Nakayama

Andon Amaraich

Dear Dr. Freeman:

Bailey Olter

During the last session of the Congress of Micronesia a Future Political Status Delegation was created to travel to Washington, D. C., to seek an early resolution of the future political status for Micronesia. The Delegation is composed of members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of the Congress.

Francisco Palacios

Benjamin Manglona

John Mangefel

We note that the Congress of Micronesia, during the same session, adopted Senate Resolution Number 52 to retain your legal services to represent, defend, and enforce the rights and interests of the people of Micronesia and authorized the presiding officers of the Congress of Micronesia to execute any document, agreement or other arrangements to make your services to the Congress legally binding. A provision was inserted in the subject Resolution providing that your services be compensated out of Representation Fund of the Congress.

Olter Paul

Minoru Ueki

Pending the execution of necessary papers and agreements by the presiding officers of the Congress to make your legal services to the Congress legally binding, the Delegation would like to retain your services during the period it will be in Washington to negotiate with the United States Government relative to the future status of Micronesia. The Delegation would like to have your assistance in evaluating any document, draft legislation and other position papers presented to it by the United States and to have you assist the Delegation in the formulation of its own position. In this connection, we would like to be sure that no statement or information

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that come to your attention by way of and through the Micronesian Delegation to be released to the press and to the general public, without prior written consent of the Delegation or its Chairman. Any recordation, correspondence, ^{or} or taping of the proceedings of the negotiation between the United States and the Micronesian Delegation must first obtain the approval of the Chairman or of the Delegation prior to their release. There should also be no statement made to the press or to the general public regarding the negotiation or the fact of its existence.

Since the Delegation was granted an appropriation of \$40,000 to perform its mandate, we would like to minimize, as much as possible, any out-of-pocket and other expenses in the retention of administrative, technical, and stenographic assistance. Toward this end, we would like to request that your attendance in the actual negotiation be minimized and your drafting services be kept within our means. Your attendance in the actual negotiation and travel to Washington, D. C., should depend upon the call of the Delegation. Any research undertaken by your office should be limited to questions posed to you by the Delegation. The Delegation stands ready to compensate you for your services to it, including out-of-pocket expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. If this is acceptable to you, we would like to have you endorse a copy of this letter and return it to us for our record and information.

Our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Lazarus Salii
 Chairman

Accepted:

Dr. Harrop A. Freeman

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