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Freeman, Harrop A.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Professor Harrop Freeman

Following the Secretary's protocol luncheon for the Micronesian Political Status delegation on Monday, October 6, I tried to ascertain Professor Freeman's whereabouts to apologize for his exclusion from the luncheon. I finally reached Professor Freeman about 4:00 o'clock in the Interior Department, where he had been conversing with the Micronesian delegation.

I stated to Professor Freeman the Department's regret for the incident. His name had been included in the original guest list. His name had been removed from the final list because of our understanding, supposedly from the Micronesian delegation, through Interior, that he would not be in Washington this week. Accordingly, no invitation had been issued to him and no place had been reserved at the table.

Professor Freeman said that the information provided to the Department was completely false. At no time had there been any discussion about his return to Ithaca (N.Y.). His appointment as the legal counsel for the people of Micronesia was based on a joint resolution of the Micronesian Senate. The Department should know that he held very sweeping power of attorney as a result of that joint resolution--and subsequent implementing agreements.

I observed that the U.S. Government was not entirely clear about Professor Freeman's status in relation to

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the Micronesian delegation, and offered to meet informally with Professor Freeman over lunch. We agreed to meet the following day (Tuesday, October 7) at 1:00 p.m., at the Black Saddle Restaurant.

COMMENT:

The lunch was pleasant and is reported in a separate memorandum. Professor Freeman's status has been clarified in a letter from Senator Lazarus Salii, which was accepted and endorsed by Professor Freeman.

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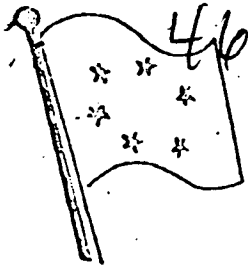
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MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION

Capitol Hill Saipan Mariana Islands 96950

Lazarus Salii
Chairman

October 7, 1969

Ekpap Silk
Co-Chairman

Dr. Harrop A. Freeman
103 Needham Place
Ithaca, New York, 14850

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 tapping 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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A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Appointing Professor Harrop A. Freeman of New York to represent, defend and enforce the rights and interests of the people of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the people of Micronesia have often needed legal
2 assistance in the United States to take positive action to present
3 certain grievances, enforce certain claims and follow-up resolutions
4 with the United Nations and the United States Government; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrop A. Freeman, Professor of Law and member
6 of the bars of New York State and of the United States Supreme
7 Court, has had a distinguished career as counsel to the peoples
8 of other lands in situations closely analagous to those in which the
9 people of Micronesia have found themselves, and do now find themselves;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that
12 Professor Freeman's services, as a capable and resolute advocate
13 for the Micronesian people, would be of positive value to Micro-
14 nesia; now, therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micro-
16 nesia, Second Regular Session, 1969, the House of Representatives
17 concurring, that this Congress by means of this Joint Resolution
18 and on behalf of the people of Micronesia does hereby appoint and
19 retain Professor Harrop A. Freeman of New York to represent, defend,
20 and enforce the rights and interests of the people of Micronesia; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate President and the Speaker
22 of the House of Representatives be authorized to execute if necessary
23 any documents, agreements, or arrangements to make the services of
24 the said Professor Harrop A. Freeman legally binding and enforceable,
25 and to draw upon the representation fund of the Congress to pay any

1 expenditures to or by the said Professor Freeman which may be incurred ;
2 under the terms of this Joint Resolution; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint
4 Resolution be transmitted to Professor Harrop A. Freeman, the
5 President of the Security Council of the United Nations, the
6 President of the United States, the President of the Senate of the
7 United States Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
8 of the United States Congress, the United States Secretaries of
9 Defense, State, and the Interior, and the High Commissioner of the
10 Trust Territory.

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Date: Aug 8/69

Introduced by: Epsimo Nakayama

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