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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.

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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 member of that joint resolution--and subsequent inclamating agreements.

L coserved that the U.S. Government was not entirely clear about Frofessor 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:

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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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Attachment:

Copy of Lazarus Salii Letter Copy of Micronesian Senate Resolution S.J.R. No. 52



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