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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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October 23, 1969

Dear Wally:

I have now been briefed on the results of the Micronesian Political Status Talks.

I am concerned about the outcome of these talks, as I know you are, and would like to suggest that, in light of these talks, the Administration undertake a review of our alternatives and further negotiating strategy.

I believe it would be desirable to undertake this review before your forthcoming tour through the Territory, beginning November 5.

In this connection, I would like to record our view that the Micronesian provisions on lands and property rights, as now formulated, do not satisfy U.S. minimum requirements for access to the Territory for military/strategic purposes.

Furthermore, in our view, the United States should not accept the present subparagraph 1 E (waters and sub-water rights), granting Micronesia powers with regard to the law of the seas that might be exercised in ways inconsistent with our international position.

The Honorable
Walter J. Hickel,
Secretary of the Interior.

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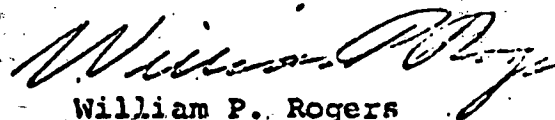
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Accordingly, I would like to propose a meeting with Secretary Laird and Dr. Kissinger during the week of October 27. In the meantime, if you agree, the respective staffs of our Departments would cooperate in the preparation of appropriate position and briefing papers for such a meeting.

Sincerely,



William P. Rogers

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