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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of October 23, 1969, in which you expressed your concern over the outcome of the Micronesian Political Status Discussions, and also proposed a meeting with Secretary Laird and Dr. Kissinger.

I, too, feel that it is important that the Administration coordinate the United States position regarding Micronesia, so that in future meetings with them we are in accord on the terms we can definitely offer and the strategy to be used in attempting to reach an agreement with them.

Accordingly, I would like to suggest a meeting with Secretary Laird and Dr. Kissinger at your office on Wednesday, November 26, 1969, at 3:00 p.m., to discuss this matter. In the meantime, as you suggested, the respective staffs of our Departments should cooperate in the preparation of appropriate position and briefing papers.

Sincerely yours,

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