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February 27, 1970

Honorable Harrison Loesch
Assistant Secretary
United States Department
of the Interior
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Harrison:

On February 18th, I sent to you from Palau two copies of a proposed bill that our Delegation had prepared in response to your proposal which you had given to us during your last trip here. I hope you have received the document by now.

At this time, I simply wish to informally let you know that, unless the United States is willing to let the Micronesians draft and adopt their own constitution, I do not see much chance for successful negotiations between your group and ours. You will note from our proposal that a provision to this effect is provided for. Your group must be willing to consider this.

Unless I hear further from you, we will expect your arrival on Saipan on or before March 23rd for the next round of our discussions.

Let me know by dispatch if there is any change in the schedule.

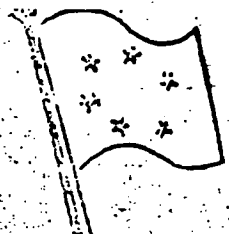
Best wishes,

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MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION

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IN OCTOBER, 1969 THE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION, AT THE INVITATION OF SECRETARY HICKEL, TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN MICRONESIA. ON MANY ISSUES WHICH NEED RESOLUTION BEFORE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA THE DELEGATION PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN-POINT POSITIONS:

1. Micronesia to draft its own constitution
2. All lands to return to Micronesian Government
3. U.S. to guarantee financial aid to Micronesia
4. U.S. to negotiate with the Government of Micronesia for uses of lands in Micronesia
5. U.S. to handle external affairs for Micronesia
6. U.S. to protect Micronesia against outside aggression
7. Micronesia to agree not to allow another country to come into Micronesia for military purposes
8. Immediate settlement of post-war claims
9. Free travel of people and goods from Micronesia to U.S.
10. Micronesians to have access to U.S. 9th Circuit Court
U.S. Supreme Court
11. Micronesia to use U.S. currency and U.S. postal system

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