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Dear Lazarus:

When we were in Saipan in May discussing probable sources of future proceedings on status, it appeared possible that the Congress of Micronesia would hold hearings on the matter during its forthcoming session. We were invited to have an observer if we desired to do so during any debates which might occur.

While the subject was not raised, it appeared to me to be possible that the Congress of Micronesia would like to have us supply witnesses for any hearings it might hold. I do not want to be, in the least bit, pushy about this but think it appropriate to advise you that I could make myself available for the purpose of testifying at such hearings if the Congress of Micronesia desires. The purpose of such testimony would be, of course, to set out the position of the executive branch of the U. S. Government and to answer pertinent questions which might be raised.

I will be glad, if you think it appropriate, if you will advise the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of my availability with hope that if my presence is desired, I could have as much notice as possible of date and, hopefully, that such date would fall in August rather than July.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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