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Dear Lazarus:

As the date approaches for your Delegation's report to the Congress of Micronesia, we would appreciate having specific information on the timing and presentation of the report.

We are planning to issue a release to the American press simultaneously with your report, and therefore, would appreciate knowing the date and time of your report. Please dispatch me as soon as you know. Our press release will be a straightforward review of the status developments over the past year.

This release presumes that your report will be made public as soon as it is presented to the Congress. If this is not the case, I would appreciate knowing when it will be made public, also by dispatch.

We are not desirous of headlining the status talks thus far, lest this make any future discussion more difficult, but we do consider it imperative that we have a release here in Washington when the press coverage of your report breaks in Saipan.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Harrison Loesch

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