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Mr. Carl Marcy
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Dear Mr. Marcy:

Thank you for your letter of April 6.

As you know, on March 13 the President announced the appointment of Mr. Franklin Haydn Williams as his personal representative, with the personal rank of Ambassador, for the negotiation of future political status with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The negotiations in which Mr. Williams will participate are of considerable importance to the United States. His assignment in that connection will be of limited duration but will involve his working closely with the highest levels of our government. His responsibilities will cross Departmental lines and he will be operating as the direct personal representative of the President.

Mr. Williams will also negotiate directly with the Micronesian Political Status Commission and will, when appropriate, consult extensively with other prominent Micronesian leaders.

It is felt that Mr. Williams' efforts in connection with these negotiations warrant the granting of the personal rank of Ambassador in order to insure that the importance of his position and the scope of his mandate are clearly evident. In this connection we believe his designation is consistent with Secretary Rogers' letter of December 19, 1969.

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I can assure you that we continue to exercise the most careful scrutiny in reviewing appropriate cases for the according of personal rank of Ambassador.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Abshire
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**Mr. Carl Marcy
Chief of Staff
Foreign Relations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510**

Dear Mr. Marcy:

I have your letter of April 6 concerning the bestowal of the personal rank of Ambassador on Mr. Franklin Haydn Williams.

On March 13, 1971, the President announced the appointment of Franklin Haydn Williams of San Francisco as his Personal Representative, with the personal rank of Ambassador, for the negotiations of future political status with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

These negotiations are of considerable importance to the United States. Mr. Williams, therefore, will be working closely with the highest levels of the U.S. Government. He will be dealing with the White House, the Departments of State, Defense, Justice, and the Department of the Interior, which has administrative responsibility for the Trust Territory.

On the Micronesian side, Mr. Williams will negotiate with the Micronesian Political Status Commission whose members are drawn from both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia, and will also, as appropriate, consult extensively with other prominent Micronesian leaders.

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As you know, under the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement the United States must promote the welfare of the inhabitants and lead the islands toward self-determination. The last report of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, in reviewing U.S. administrative performance, endorsed the recommendation of the Council's 1970 Visiting Mission to Micronesia that the political status issue should be resolved "sooner rather than later".

In light of the diversity of policy interests and considerations, the number of U.S. executive departments and agencies concerned with this matter, the interest of the U.S. Congress, and the complexity of the negotiations on the status question -- it has long been felt that a single, senior official with sufficient authority and time to devote to this matter should be placed in charge of these negotiations. The appointment of Mr. Williams is designed to meet this need and we believe that granting him the personal rank of Ambassador will measurably assist him in carrying out his important assignment.

If I can be of any further assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Abshire
Assistant Secretary for
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April 6, 1971

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The Honorable David M. Abshire
 Assistant Secretary for
 Congressional Relations
 Department of State
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abshire:

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The Chairman has asked me to acknowledge your letter of April 1, 1971, enclosing the lists of individuals currently holding the personal rank of Ambassador or Minister. I am sure the Chairman will be pleased to learn that these lists are growing smaller.

However, before I bring your letter and the lists to the Chairman's attention, I would like to know why it was felt necessary to give Mr. Williams the personal rank of Ambassador, particularly since none of the other individuals participating in the Trust Territory negotiations will have similar ranks. Wouldn't it have been much simpler to designate Mr. Williams as the President's "special" or "personal" representative for these negotiations, rather than bestowing the personal rank of Ambassador upon him?

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