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Honorable Lazarus Salii, Chairman  
Joint Committee on Future Status of Micronesia  
2000 Durant Avenue  
Berkeley, California 94704

Dear Senator Salii:

I appreciated the opportunity of meeting with you and Congressman Silk on June 11. Our exchange of views on the timing and format of our next round of talks was most useful and I am pleased that we were able to reach agreement on all essential points.

As I stated, I am looking forward to working with you, Congressman Silk and the other members of the Micronesian Joint Committee. I can appreciate fully your desire to move the status question forward, a sentiment which is also shared by my Government.

For our records, I would like to summarize the understandings which were reached:

1. The next round of talks will be held in late August or early September 1971, with the final dates to be settled by mutual agreement.
2. The site for the next talks will be explored by the U. S. in one of the Hawaiian Islands and consultations will be held prior to the final decision.
3. The format for the talks will follow the agreement which was reached in April 1971 with the further understanding that

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an exchange of notes will take place in advance of the talks, indicating those issues and questions to be discussed in order to give both delegations time to prepare for the exchange.

4. The talks will be considered to be private and of a confidential nature.

I wish to assure you and the members of the Joint Committee that the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government has given serious consideration to your views and is in the process of reexamining its own position. It is my hope that the next round of talks will be a continuation and extension of the discussions held last May and not a new beginning. In our note which you may expect around August 1 this point will be reaffirmed.

I am looking forward to my visit to Micronesia and to meeting members of the Joint Committee. I appreciate the efforts that you and Congressman Silke have made to make such a meeting possible.

In closing, may I say again that I enjoyed seeing you and Congressman Silke again and meeting for the first time Congressman Hareo.

With my regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

Haydn Williams  
Personal Representative  
of the President

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