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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Assistant Secretary Harrison Loesch  
Chairman, Inter-agency Group

FROM: Ambassador Haydn Williams *per P*

SUBJECT: Exchange of Letters between Senator Salii and  
Myself on forthcoming Status Talks

1. You will recall from the memorandum of conversation (copy attached) of my June 11 conversation with Senator Salii and Congressman Silk that we agreed that there should be an exchange of letters on several basic points in the near future. My own letter (which will initiate the exchange) should go out about August 1. I would therefore appreciate the Inter-agency Group taking early action to consider the content of that letter so that a draft will be available to me on my return to San Francisco on or about July 21.

2. The letter should cover or include the following points:

a. There should be a statement to the effect that the U.S. Government has reviewed its past position, and the Micronesian position, and believes that there is room for amicable negotiation of a mutually acceptable status settlement.

b. To the above end, the U.S. Government would like to reopen the status talks at a mutually convenient time and place. Sometime in late August or September, in one of the Hawaiian Islands, as previously informally agreed to, continues to be satisfactory from our point of view.

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c. There should then be a suggested informal listing of topics or issues to be discussed. This should not be a proposal for a formalized agenda, but rather a suggestion for the scope and content of informal discussions on the Micronesian concept of free association, land issues, basing requirements, federal supremacy or whatever can be and should be listed at this time.

d. Senator Salii strongly pressed for inclusion of a statement to the effect that we will not be returning to the conference table with the "Commonwealth proposal." I do consider it essential that some wording be included which makes clear that we will not again be pressing the proposal of last May, but it should be sufficiently vague as not to close out any other options.

e. Finally, at some point within the letter, it should be made clear that I will be prepared to discuss and negotiate status issues in a free and candid matter, but always "within the limits of Presidential guidelines" in terms of what I can or cannot ultimately agree to.

Attachment

As stated.

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