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Dear Senator Salii:

I returned to San Francisco from Micronesia a week ago tonight and left immediately for Washington where I expect to be for the next week or so.

My trip to Micronesia was a success from a personal point-of-view. In each of the Districts I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with a large number of Micronesians. It was a quick education, and in the process I learned a great deal about current conditions and problems. I should add with emphasis, that my visit was a most pleasant and enjoyable experience. I will long remember the courtesies and the warm hospitality which were extended to me by the leaders and the people of the Marshalls, Ponape, Truk, Yap, Palau, and the Marianas.

In Saipan I met briefly with members of the Joint Status Committee for the purpose of introductions and becoming acquainted. Per our agreement there was no discussion of any substance. The only matters of business raised were questions concerning the timing and the place for our next round of talks.

With respect to the former, Congressman Silk requested a short delay in convening the talks, suggesting that they not be called until mid September. I had to explain regretfully that on the basis of our earlier understanding, I had prior to my departure from San Francisco, accepted a personal invitation to spend the last two weeks of September in Japan for talks with the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Minister of Education, and other Japanese leaders in my capacity as President of The Asia Foundation. I am not certain whether it will be possible now for me to reschedule these meetings.

As to the place, I again stated that I was open minded on the question but was reassured that it was the desire of the Joint Status Committee that the next round of talks be held in the State of Hawaii. Consequently, on my return through Honolulu, I explored various alternatives and I should be in a position

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later this week to suggest to you and Congressman Silk a possible meeting place which I hope will meet with your approval. I also expect to know in a few days whether my Japan trip can be delayed.

I am pleased to share with you the news that the Honorable Arthur Hummel, the former U.S. Ambassador to Burma, has returned to Washington and has been formally named Director of a new office that will be exclusively concerned with the Micronesian future political status question. He will be working closely with me and will, of course, be accompanying me and participating in the next round of talks.

In our meeting in early June we had agreed to an exchange of notes in advance of the next round of talks, indicating those issues and questions which both parties would like to have discussed. I am now in the final process of preparing such a letter and it should be in your hands in a few days.

In the meantime, I send you my best wishes and my hope that you are finding your sojourn in Berkeley both pleasant and profitable.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Salii, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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for Micronesian Status Negotiations

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