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Memorandum of telephone conversation with Senator Lazarus Salii,
Thursday, 5 August 1971

I called Senator Salii to discuss with him the proposed dates for the next round of talks and also the possibility of our meeting at the Hana Maui Ranch Hotel on the island of Maui. As background, I informed him of Congressman Silk's request that the discussions be delayed until after the 15th of September due to their own need for time to prepare their own position. I explained that I had already accepted a formal invitation to spend the last two weeks in September in Japan in conference with the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Minister of Education, and others, and that I doubted if it would be possible for me to back out of this commitment at this time. I went on to tell Senator Salii that I had looked into the matter and it was now clear that I could not change the dates of my meeting in Japan; therefore, I would like to propose the dates of October 4-10. He said that he saw no objections to these dates and that, as a matter of fact, the further postponement might be a good thing from our delegations' point of view. He said that he could give me his tentative approval but that he would like to reserve formally until he had had a chance to consult with Congressman Silk.

I then went on to say that the Joint Status Committee had again indicated its willingness and desire to hold the next round of talks in the States of Hawaii. On this basis, I told him, I had explored possible sites on my stopover in Hawaii enroute home. I then described the Hana Maui Ranch Hotel and he said it sounded ideal to him. I then asked him if it would be all right for me to pursue the matter with the Hana Maui Ranch Hotel in order to insure they were blocking out October 4-10 for our conference. He again indicated he thought this was the proper thing to do.

He had not as yet received the letter of August 3 and I briefly reviewed its contents. I told him that he could expect the letter that I had referred to in the August 3 letter sometime early next week. He closed the conversation by saying he hoped I would be in touch with him on my return to San Francisco. I assured him I would and, in all likelihood, would be in touch with him by phone even before that, and that I hoped he would have an early answer for me confirming the October 4-10 dates.

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