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The following responses to questions included in the
presentation, together with those contained in my
earlier discussion of land, complete, for the record, some
the Micronesian delegation's presentation of October
8 and 9, 1971.

1. Through what mechanisms would the Congress of Micronesia
hope to have U.S. financial support?

We think it would be premature to consider specific
mechanisms at this stage. There is a more critical question
that needs to be considered first: What assurances can be
given that U.S. financial support will be maintained over a
period of years at a consistent and agreed level? Such an
assurance, since it will be necessary to orderly budget
and development planning, must be reflected in the terms
of the compact, which will spell out in detail the mutual
rights and obligations of the United States and Micronesia.

2. How in your view would the U.S. support be channelled
to meet Micronesian needs?

Our position is that all financial support and compensa-
tion will be channelled through the Government of Micronesia.

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3. What financial responsibilities would the central Micronesian Government or the districts expect to undertake?

All taxes in Micronesia will be imposed and collected in accordance with the constitution and law of Micronesia. We do not contemplate having the U.S. Federal Income Tax extended to Micronesia.

4. Issues ... regarding land

All matters regarding U.S. land needs will be handled through the central government of Micronesia.

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