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Ambassador F. Haydn Williams, President Nixon's personal representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, ^{November 24} ~~submitted~~ ^{to the President} his report on the talks held at Hana, Maui, Hawaii, October 4-12.

This was the third round of talks between representatives of the Micronesian Congress and U.S. negotiators for the purpose of determining the future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Previous meetings were held in Washington in October 1969, and on Saipan in May 1970.

Ambassador Williams reported that these latest meetings brought significant progress in several major areas, but that one important matter--the means of termination of a future relationship--remains to be resolved.

The trusteeship, the only one designated a strategic trusteeship by the United Nations, is administered by the United States under an agreement with the Security Council. Ambassador Williams' delegation consisted of representatives of the Departments of State, Defense, and Interior, the ^{last} ~~latter~~ being responsible for administration of the Trust Territory. Ambassador Williams reports ^{directly to the President.} ~~to the National Security Council through the Under Secretaries Committee.~~

The United States made a number of new proposals at Hana, in response to issues Micronesians had previously set forth as of greatest importance to them, e.g., control of their land, and the future development of laws in Micronesia.

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Neither side had the expectation of resolving all outstanding issues during the Hana talks, which were, in fact, described by both sides as means to lay ~~the~~ groundwork for a future settlement. Ambassador Williams concluded in his letter to the President:

"We believe that the basis for a mutually-beneficial and enduring relationship between the United States and Micronesia exists. We will continue to work for an agreement which will recognize, respect, and further the long-term interests and welfare of the people of Micronesia and which will also serve our own requirements and obligations in the Pacific Ocean Area in the years ahead."