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Lawyers and the Status Committee

Had a pleasant two-hour talk with a couple of lawyers working with Clark Clifford's Law Firm (just across the street from our office). Senator Salii hired the firm (about three months ago) to assist with legal problems and general counseling connected with the continuing status negotiations. The two lawyers who were here are starting from scratch and expect to come up with a draft working paper constitution that can be used as an option at the next negotiating session. At this moment they have few clues about where to start and are in the process of educating and orienting them vis à vis Micronesia before tackling the job.

We talked generally for a couple of hours, mostly about:

1. Status and the currently discussed options.
2. The T.T. legal system and its effectiveness.
3. What Peace Corps is doing.
4. The diversity of the culture.

I put them in touch with Tom Whittington, gave them a bibliography and loaned them a couple of books. I suspect that after they've done some homework I'll be hearing from them again. The next conversation should be more substantive.

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