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At the conclusion of four days of informal talks on the future political status of Micronesia with members of the Joint Committee Hayan To head Republic for formation on Future Status Ambassador Williams, stated today that further the considerable progress was made in reaching agreements in a number of important areas. Tentative agreements previously reached at Carmel were reaffirmed.

The next step will be the referral of the draft agreement by Lazarus Chairan of the full JCFS sometime before or during the forthcoming special session of the COM. Ambassador Williams stated that the details of the tentative agreements reached would have to await a release by the JCFS.

Those attending the Guam meeting; in_addition to the two Chairmen, were several members of the JGFS, including Co-Chairman Ekpap Silk, Senate President Tosiwo Nakayama and Senators Ambilos Iehsi and Bailey Olter, and JCFS Counsel Paul Warnke. American xenxesentative James M. Wilson, Jr., Captain Richard Y. Scott, Director, Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations, Ronald Stowe of the Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser and Alf Bergesen, Status Liaison Officer from Saipan.

The Ambassador was to leave for Palau on Monday July 15 to discuss the invitation from the Palau District Legislature to the U.S. to send a technical team to Koror for an on the spot survey of possible sites for the military land use options. He will be accompanied by Captain Scott and Mr. Bergesen.