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At the conclusion of four days of informal talks in Guam on the future political status of Micronesia with members of the Joint Committee on Future Status Ambassador Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, stated today that further 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 Senator Lazarus Salii, Chairman of the Joint C — on Future Status, to the full JCFS sometime before or during the forthcoming special session of the COM. Ambassador Williams stated that a release of the details of the tentative agreements reached would have to await a ~~release~~ review 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 ~~xxxx