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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Time: 10 April - 1300 -Party Room

Participants: Ambassador Williams  
Captain Crowe  
Senator Salii  
Rep. Silk

1. This was the most amazing meeting between chairmen yet. Ambassador Williams started off by inquiring about the nature of the proposed plenary meeting.

2. Salii very calmly described what they had in mind. The Micronesian delegation would reply to our foreign affairs and defense response. It was their intention to accept basically the U.S. view of the nature of the relationship; to effectively grant the U.S. requests for authority in foreign affairs and defense. These positions would, of course, be linked to satisfaction on the termination issue. This was a dramatic meeting with significant implications for this and future sessions.

3. Salii said there was some pressure for a fifth round in Washington. He had successfully quelled this agitation "because of the Marshalls." Instead, he was suggesting "implementing meetings," subcommittee get togethers, or study group sessions. He did not want to call it another round. The implication was that the Joint Committee had accepted this approach. This was perhaps the most significant thing he said.

4. Salii was relaxed, frank, and friendly. Evidently, there was a stormy session this morning and the "silent majority" finally stood up.

5. The plenary session was set for 1400.

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