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The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
on Micronesian Status Negotiations
Office of Micronesia Status Negotiations
Old Exec. Office Bldg.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Haydn:

While we still would prefer to press with all dispatch to settle the remaining issues and prepare a draft compact by meeting with you as early as possible, it would obviously not be possible to do this until your side is ready to meet again. Our delegation will arrive in Washington several days before July 12th and will be ready to open the next round of discussions on that date.

In view of the time limitation placed on the discussions by this late start, I hope that your side will be fully prepared to cover all the remaining major issues, as well as to work out the details of the agreements in principle reached in Hana and Koror, and to work on a first draft of the compact of association.

In Koror, your delegation was not prepared to discuss finance and transition and, therefore, we could not go into these two areas. We hope you will be fully prepared to take these up in July also.

Both our delegations owe it to our respective governments and peoples to resolve the question of Micronesia's future political status as rapidly as possible. Our side is prepared to do its part.

My thoughts on the agenda will be the subject of a separate letter.

Both Tina and I send our best regards to you and Margaret.

Sincerely yours,

LAZARUS E. SALII

Chairman