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The fifth round of talks in the ongoing negotiations on the future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia) will begin in Washington July 12. The negotiations are aimed at reaching agreement on the political status of Micronesia, which the United States now administers under a Trusteeship Agreement with the United Nations.

During the past year meetings between the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia and the U.S. Delegation have been held in Hana, Maui, Hawaii, and in Micronesia at Koror, Palau. Earlier talks were held in 1969 and 1970, in Washington and on Saipan in Micronesia.

The Micronesian Delegation is headed by the Chairman of the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Future Status, Senator Lazarus Salii. The U.S. Delegation, which consists of representatives of the Departments of State, Interior, Defense, and Justice, is headed by Ambassador Franklin Hayden Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

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