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Room 365
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Senator Lazarus Salii
Chairman, Joint Committee
on Future Status
Congress of Micronesia

Dear Lazarus,

I hope that you and the other members of your Delegation had a safe and pleasant homeward journey.

We are looking into sites in Hawaii for the sixth round of talks, both military and private, and as soon as we have some suggestions for your consideration we will be in touch with you.

The main purpose of this letter is to comment on your remarks made during the final plenary session last week on the possible creation of a joint sub-committee on finance.

I do believe that some work in advance of our September meeting in this area will be helpful and we appreciate your willingness to cooperate in this regard.

I would like to name Frank Crawford as the head of the American group. I understand that you have designated Bailey Olter as chairman of your finance sub-committee. Unless you have any objection I would suggest that Frank write Bailey directly about how the joint committee might function between now and September 28th. Time and distance may not permit actual meetings of the joint sub-committee, but exchanges would nevertheless be useful as background for the sixth round.

I send you and your colleagues my best wishes for a successful special session. Mary Vance Trent expects to be in Ponape and as you know she has been named my representative in Micronesia. If she can be at all helpful as

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link between my office and you and your delegation please
do not hesitate to call on her.

With kind regards to you and Tina and the girls, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to present this report on the fifth round of talks on the future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was held with the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia in Washington, D.C. 12 July to 1 August 1972. A full record of these proceedings, including those sections of the draft "Compact of Association" which were approved by both delegations, are enclosed.

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The opening and closing sessions were plenary; otherwise the work of drafting a Compact was conducted by an informal joint drafting committee. The committee was able to reach agreement on draft language for a preamble and on those titles of the Compact relating to internal affairs, foreign affairs and defense responsibilities. In addition two important annexes were completed - one dealing with foreign affairs and the other with the military land requirements of the United States Government.

In essence these draft sections of the Compact vest full authority for the governing of Micronesia's internal affairs in the Government of Micronesia, and, in turn, vest full authority and responsibility over all matters relating to foreign affairs and defense in the United States.

While the general subject of finance was discussed briefly, the important issue remains to be explored. In addition, the areas of trade and commerce, nationality, territorial and transition procedures require further discussion and agreement. It is our intention to discuss the remaining issues at the sixth round of negotiations in Hawaii in September.

In the words of the Joint Communique, "the Washington talks have been among the most productive yet held and have provided the basis for a mutually beneficial relationship of free association between the United States and Micronesia."

I assure you that we will continue to strive for a final agreement which will serve the interests of both the United States and Micronesia.

Sincerely yours,

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