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MEMORANDUM

To: The Chairman, Under Secretaries Committee
From: Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams
Subject: Micronesian Status Negotiations

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which I sent to the President forwarding the Proceedings of the Fifth Round of Micronesian Status Negotiations held in Washington, D.C., July 12 - August 1, 1972.

I believe the letter touches on the highlights of the Fifth Round and that you will find it of interest. We are now looking to the future and have tentatively set the next round for Hawaii in late September. Hopefully, we will discuss the remaining issues at that time. While the subject of finance was discussed briefly at the last talks, no specific support figures were put forward. Finance will, of course, be one of the main issues to be resolved in Hawaii.

The Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Proceedings and I will, of course, be available for any consultations that the Under Secretaries Committee may desire.

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The President's Personal Representative
for Micronesian Status Negotiations

Attachment

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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.

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, this important issue remains to be explored. In addition, the areas of trade and commerce, nationality, termination 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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