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Mr. John H. Shaffer  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Agency  
Room 1016  
800 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, has been directed to negotiate a new political relationship with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which would permit the termination of the present United Nations Trusteeship. We hope to agree upon a future political status for these islands that would involve a continuing relationship with the United States.

As part of this continuing relationship, the Micronesian representatives have indicated that they would desire to have the services of the Federal Aviation Agency. There has been no further elaboration on the specific kinds of services desired, but we anticipate that they would want the following:

1. Inspection-certification-surveillance activities for pilots, airlines, and aircraft.
2. Airport certification services.
3. Maintenance and inspection of navigational aides.

To assist this Office in preparation for the next round of negotiations in late September, we would appreciate your views as to:

1. the feasibility of providing such services to all of the districts of the Trust Territory except the Marianas;
2. the projected annual costs of such services.

Please call on us to provide any additional background information you may require. Your assistance in helping us prepare for these negotiations will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours, 03- 024086

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