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The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
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Dear Ambassador Williams:

As you are well aware, one of the most important facets of our negotiations regarding Micronesia's future political status is the problem of United States military land requirements in Micronesia. This subject has come up for discussion in our recent rounds of negotiation, and we expect that it will come up at the sixth and subsequent rounds additionally.

To deal with this important question, I have created a sub-committee of the Joint Committee which will have the responsibility of making a thorough study of these land requirements, and making recommendations to the Joint Committee as to the manner in which Congress might best approach the negotiation of leases for the same. I have appointed Senator Andon Amaraich to chair the sub-committee. Accordingly, I would suggest that it might be appropriate if your delegation would appoint a similar sub-committee, which could work with our sub-committee in dealing with the problem.

In discussing this matter with Senator Amaraich, the need which we expressed at Washington, and before that at Palau, for complete specificity in regard to U. S. military land requirements has become even more evident. The sub-committee, and therefore, the Joint Committee, will be unable to make an intelligent recommendation to the Congress and the people of Micronesia without the more specific information for which we have asked. We, therefore, hope that your

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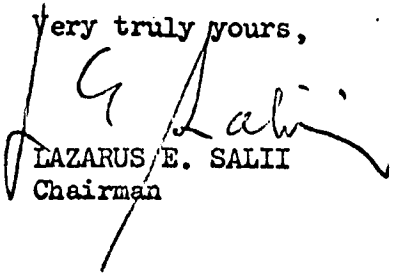
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delegation will come to the upcoming sixth round of negotiation at Honolulu with complete data as to these land requirements, including precise legal descriptions of the lands involved, and if possible, large-scale maps showing the locations of the several facilities which you have requested.

I would appreciate very much your cooperation in this matter, and look forward to seeing you again in Honolulu.

Very truly yours,


LAZARUS E. SALII
Chairman

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