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Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii - The sixth round of talks in the ongoing negotiations on the future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia) will begin in Hawaii September 28. The talks will be held at Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Oahu. These 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 three meetings between the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia and the United States Delegation have been held at Hana, Maui, at Koror, Palau, in Micronesia, and in Washington. Earlier talks were held in 1969 and 1970, in Washington and on Saipan.

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