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The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ambassador Williams:

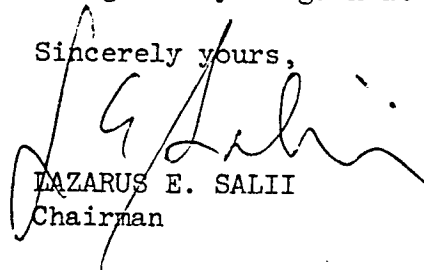
I take this occasion to transmit to you officially a copy of a declaration adopted November 20, 1972 by the traditional and elected leaders of the people of Palau. The declaration, together with an accompanying dispatch, expresses the desire of the people of Palau that none of their lands be used for military purposes, and, consequently, that the United States refrain from undertaking any survey of land in Palau for such purposes.

I am sure that you will agree that this new development will necessitate some consideration by both our delegations. This, together with the limited time available to us, as well as the fact that two of our Delegation's members have been defeated in their efforts for reelection, indicates that it would be advantageous to both our Delegations if our proposed December 11th negotiations were postponed until immediately after the First Regular Session of the Fifth Congress of Micronesia.

Ekpap and I would, however, appreciate the opportunity to meet with you informally while you are here in connection with your discussions with the Marianas District Political Status Commission, and we hope that this arrangement will be satisfactory.

I look forward to meeting with you again at that time.

Sincerely yours,



LAZARUS E. SALII
Chairman

Enclosure

Handwritten note: See future notes

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