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Dear Jim:

I received a call last Friday from Mr. Wilson to the effect that a resolution had been recently filed in the Congress of Micronesia to the effect that the Joint Committee was to be the "sole" representative of Micronesia in negotiations with the United States Government regarding the political status of any part of Micronesia. The purpose of Mr. Wilson's call was to inform me of this development and to try his best to alarm me regarding the current vitality and mission of the Marianas Political Status Commission.

I subsequently called Paul Warnke to find out what he knew and he told me that he was in turn surprised by this development. He was going to make an effort to find out directly from his client the circumstances underlying this resolution and its prospects within the Congress. He and I are agreed that the resolution lacks any legal effect, but it clearly cannot be viewed as a very helpful development.

I would very much appreciate your personal estimate of the situation at the present time and any wise words you can give your distant, but loyal, colleague.

Sincerely,

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