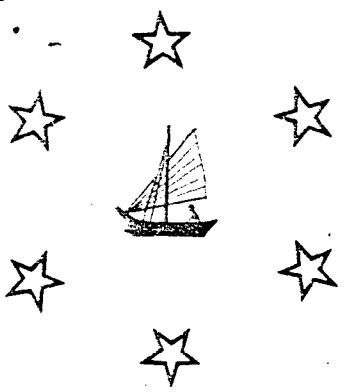


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*Copy given to  
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Mrs Mary Trent  
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Office of the High Commissioner  
Saipan, Marianas 96950

Dear Mrs Trent:

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet you on my recent visit to Saipan and to discuss with you many of the concerns in Micronesia today. At that time I promised to you as soon as I had consulted with some of the participants and members of the steering committee for the political status seminar that the Catholic Mission is sponsoring during the first week of June.

I have had the opportunity to do so within the past few days. Many of those who are familiar with your broad background in international affairs felt that your experience would make a significant contribution to the seminar. Nonetheless, some expressed a fear that the presence of a representative of the Department of State might have an inhibiting effect on the discussion. Most of the participants are Micronesians and they might be reluctant to express themselves under these conditions. I might add that I do not entirely agree with this point of view, but do think it best to act on their fears, whether they are entirely well-founded or not.

I hope that you do interpret this as an attempt to stack the seminar with like-minded people who espouse one side of the political question. Nor should you construe this as any attempt to minimize the personal expertise that you would bring to such a meeting.

Let me assure you that we will share the results of the seminar with you upon its conclusion. Thank you for your kindness in Saipan and the advice that you furnished as to procedure in the seminar.

Sincerely yours,  
*Francis X. Hezel, Sr.*  
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