0,1151)

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS

CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950 "MICRONESIA"

August 10, 1973

Sen. Lazarus Salii, Chairman

Rep. Ekpap Silk, Co-Chairman

Sen. Tosiwo Nakayama

Sen. Andon Amaraich

Sen. Bailey Olter

Sen. Edward DLG. Pangelinan

Sen. Petrus Tun

Sen. Roman Tmetuchi

Sen. Amata Kabua

Sen. Ambilos lehsi

Sen. John Mangefel

Rep. Herman Q. Guerrero

The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
on Micronesian Status Negotiations
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations
Old Exec. Office Building
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ambassador Williams:

Thank you for your memorandum of May 9 and the thoughtful questions which you have raised therein regarding the public land situation in Micronesia. I apologize for the delay in answering this memorandum.

As you know, the Joint Committee has just concluded holding hearings in each of the districts in Micronesia in the effort to arrive at answers to the questions which you have raised. You may be assured that we will arrive at answers to these questions and transmit them to you directly. In the interim, our previous position regarding public land in the Palau District must remain the position of the Joint Committee.

I think there is an urgent need for the two of us to get together soon to discuss a number of matters which have come up in recent weeks, as well as to carry on our scheduled monthly meetings. I informed Mr. Jim Wilson that my preference would be to meet in Guam, but I am open to suggestions.

Singerely yours,

SKNATOR LAZARUS E. SALII

Chairman, JCFS