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"Ambassador Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations and Senator Lazarus Salii, Chairman of the Micronesian Joint Committee on Future Status, met October 10 and 11, 1973, in Honolulu in another informal meeting of Heads of Delegation. Senator Salii was accompanied by Representative Ekpap Silk, Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee and Ambassador Williams by James M. Wilson, Jr., the U.S. Deputy Representative.

"On October 10 the Heads of Delegation were joined by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Edward W. Johnston; the Director of Territorial Affairs in the Department of the Interior, Stanley S. Carpenter; the Director of Public Affairs in the Trust Territory Administration, Strik Yoma; the Status Liaison Officer in Saipan, Mary Vance Trent; and Harmon E. Kirby, of the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations, to discuss political education in Micronesia. The High Commissioner briefed the Heads of Delegation on his plans to initiate an expanded and comprehensive new program of education for self-Government in Micronesia to be administered by the Trust Territory Administration. High Commissioner Johnston is expected to announce further particulars shortly upon his return to the Trust Territory.

" In the October 11 discussion the two Chairmen decided that the next step would be a meeting next month in Washington, D. C. between members of the Joint Committee on Future Status and the U.S. Delegation. The two delegations will consider first the question of public land in Micronesia and then other items remaining to be completed in the draft compact of Free Association between the United States and Micronesia. It was agreed that the talks will open on November 10, 1973."