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TYPED FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HANDWRITTEN LETTER

Nimitz Guest House
2 May 1974

Dear Lazarus,

I am leaving Guam this evening, but before departing I want to write you about our next steps as we prepare for the final stage in our negotiations. I will be asking Commander Westlake to hand deliver this note and I will try and follow it up by phone on Monday upon your return to Saipan.

Our meeting at the Guam Airport last Monday morning was far too hurried. I had hoped to have two or three hours with you and our few minutes together did not puermit us to adequately cover the business at hand and developments on both sides following the Carmel talks.

For my part I had hoped to learn in more detail the response of the JCFS to the tentative agreements we had reached last month, and their reservations and concerns with respect to Titles II, V, and VII. At the same time Jim and I had looked forward to reviewing with you the progress we had made in Washington, and especially our efforts to draw up for your consideration a draft statement of intent, embodying the commitments I made with respect to our Stage I and Stage II plan for transition.

From our viewpoint I believe that it would be very beneficial if we were to meet again soon to review the above mentioned items and to talk further about our June meeting. With more knowledge of what the remaining issues are, we can concentrate our efforts and move ahead more expeditiously with our preparations. The sooner these remaining issues can be pinpointed the better. I therefore propose that we meet in Guam a week from tomorrow on Friday the 10th or Saturday the 11th if either of these dates is convenient for you. I

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will be flying in from Honolulu the night before and would be ready to sit down with you the following afternoon and if you are free we could have dinner together that same evening (the 10th or the 11th).

I hope that this suggested get-together can lay the groundwork for a successful final "Carmel type" session and that we will be able to finish the job of pre-negotiating a complete draft Compact. As I said on Monday, the U.S. is prepared to meet with you and Ekpap and/or others on the JCFS in early, mid or late June. I suggested that mid-June would be most convenient for us, but we are nevertheless prepared to meet during the first or second week of June if these dates are better from your schedule.

We would also hope that by early summer the Palau survey could proceed so that the subsequent negotiations for land lease options could get underway in order not to delay for too long a period the completion of the financial section of the compact. I would like to talk to you about this timing question and also your thoughts on procedure for the survey and the actual land negotiations at our next meeting.

Finally let me assure you that I share your desire to move ahead in a sustained manner in order to complete these negotiations post haste. I therefore hope that you will be able to accept my invitation to meet on Guam late next week to plan together how we can best accomplish our common objective.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ Haydn

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