

will not oppose it. Mr. Wilson expected that the views of the Interior Department and the Trust Territory Government would be made known to the Congress of Micronesia before the beginning of the special session, and indicated these views could be made available to Mr. Willens at the same time.

Congressional Contacts: Mr. Wilson said that he and Ambassador Williams had spent a good deal of time briefing members of Congress in both houses on the progress of the negotiations. The response has been generally favorable. According to Mr. Wilson, Congressman Burton has repeated his concerns about the applicability of the federal income tax in the Marianas, and is adamant in his view.

Joint Drafting Committee: A discussion was held of the general procedures to be followed by the Joint Drafting Committee. Mr. Wilson said that he expected to appoint three lawyers -- Messrs. Marcuse, DeGraffenried, and Surena -- to assist him on this Committee. Experts in particular substantive fields would be called in as needed by the United States. Mr. Wilson stated that he would deputize one of these three lawyers to represent the United States Delegation in his absence, and suggested that Mr. Willens do likewise from his side. Mr. Willens gave to Mr. Wilson a copy of a memorandum briefly describing the major differences between the U. S. and MPSC status agreements.*/ Mr. Wilson said he would review the document and would have one of his lawyers call Mr. Helfer early next week to lay the groundwork for a meeting of the Joint Drafting Committee to be held next Friday at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Wilson expressed again the concerns of the United States with respect to the length and complexity of the MPSC draft, the exceptions it contains as compared to ordinary territorial practices, and the detail it contains in an effort to avoid the necessity of further enabling legislation. Mr. Willens stated that we were prepared to discuss these and other problems at the next meeting in a general way, but urged that we move as quickly as possible into the substance of the agreement, on a section-by-section basis. Mr. Wilson appeared agreeable to this suggestion, and proposed that we skip the introductory clauses and the Titles in the U. S. draft and proceed directly to the Articles. Mr. Willens said that to expedite the

*/ A copy of that memorandum is attached.