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August 20, 1974

The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
for Micronesian Status Negotiations
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Haydn:

This letter is in response to your P142225Z. While I can appreciate your need to discuss the proposed changes in the Draft Compact, I am sure you are aware of the strong desire on our part to have the Compact approved by both delegations as quickly as possible.

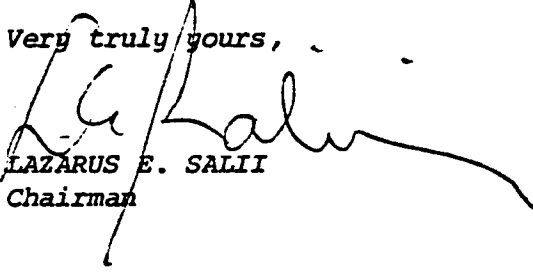
In this connection, I note a disparity between recent press releases which have been coming out of Washington, on the one hand, and your statement that since some of the changes are quite substantive you will require additional time to consider them, on the other. The reason for our having pursued a course of negotiation of the Compact by informal meetings between the heads of delegations has been the resulting reduction in the negotiating time, and if we are constantly faced with delays of this nature, I am unsure as to the future of this course. Despite the statements in your cable, we do not consider the changes substantial; I therefore trust that you will by now have had sufficient time to meet with the appropriate persons in Washington and obtain the authority to negotiate which is necessary for the continued success of our efforts, particularly in light of the fact that we are so close to the fruition of those efforts. For our part, I believe that the Joint Committee has always participated in these negotiations with the requisite amount of flexibility; if your delegation is unable to proceed in the same manner, perhaps we ought to re-examine the basic format under which we have been operating.

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Accordingly, I would propose that we meet within a month, at the most, to obtain a clearer view of each other's thinking on the questions which still separate us, and in so doing iron out those small differences and finalize the Draft Compact. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



LAZARUS E. SALII
Chairman