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FROM STATKS LNO 261
COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS
PASS TO OMSN

1. SENATOR SALII, CHAIRMAN JCFS, REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE
RELAYED AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS:
QUOTE

DEAR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS:
YOUR MESSAGE OF AUGUST 29 WAS DELIVERED TO ME TODAY (SEPTEMBER 2)
BY THE STATUS LNO OFFICE ON SAIPAN.
I REGRET THAT YOU WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT OUR INVITATION OF AUGUST 14
TO MEET AT THE MIDWAY POINT IN HONOLULU TO DISCUSS IN PERSON THE
CHANGES MADE BY OUR FULL COMMITTEE TO THE CRAFT COMPACT. INSTEAD
YOU WANT US TO EXPLAIN TO YOU IN WRITING THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES.
I WILL DO SO AND SEND A LETTER TO YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, EVEN
THOUGH I STILL BELIEVE A MEETING BETWEEN US WOULD HAVE YIELDED.

*Miscellaneous
Attachment*

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BETTER RESULTS. THE CARMEL AND GUAM MEETINGS WERE SUCCESSFUL TO A VERY

LARGE EXTENT BECAUSE WE MOVED AWAY FROM THE RIGID PROCEDURE OF
REQUIRING EACH SIDE TO SUBMIT ITS POSITIONS IN ADVANCE IN WRITING.
IT IS EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE ARE FALLING BACK INTO THIS
PATTERN WHICH LED US NOWHERE IN THE PAST.

I REGRET VERY MUCH ALSO THAT AT THIS POINT I CAN SEE NO POSSIBILITY
FOR ME AND CO-CHAIRMAN SILK TO COME TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 16.
HAD WE HEARD EARLIER FROM YOU THAT YOU WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT OUR
INVITATION TO MEET IN HONOLULU, IT MAY HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE
OUR

*Did have
success*

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SCHEDULE DIFFERENTLY, BUT AS IT IS NOW, A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JCFS WILL TRAVEL TO THE FAR EAST ON SEPTEMBER 22. FROM SEPTEMBER 9 TO THAT DATE, I WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE. THIS WAS THE REASON I URGED ABOUT A MONTH AGO THAT WE MEET IN HONOLULU.

IN ANY EVENT, SINCE YOU WANT US TO WRITE TO YOU AND GIVE THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES MADE TO THE GUAM DRAFT, IT MAY BE UNNECESSARY TO MEET

IN PERSON TO DISCUSS THE CHANGES. I AM ALSO SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES THROUGH YOU HAS APPROVED THE DRAFT AND YOUR APPARENT SURPRISE THAT OUR JOINT COMMITTEE MADE CHANGES TO THE GUAM VERSION. I AM PUZZLED ON THE FIRST POINT BECAUSE

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THERE IS NO DRAFT TO WHICH OUR FULL COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL, AND ON THE SECOND BECAUSE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH

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SIDES THAT THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THE FORMAL MEETINGS WERE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF OUR FULL COMMITTEE ON THE ONE HAND AND OF YOUR PRINCIPALS ON THE OTHER. I THEREFORE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN APPROVE A DRAFT WHICH HAS NOT RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF OUR FULL COMMITTEE.

WITH RESPECT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE OPTIONS IN PALAU, LET ME REITERATE OUR POSITION WHICH WE PUT FORTH TO YOU LAST NOVEMBER, THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS SHALL INVOLVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM PALAU, THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS AND THE UNITED STATES. I TOLD YOU AT OUR LAST MEETING ON GUAM THAT WE SAW NO POINT IN COMMENCING THE NEGOTIATION ON THE OPTIONS BEFORE WE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE DRAFT COMPACT. THIS REMAINS OUR POSITION.

I REGRET THAT THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION HAS TAKEN YOU THIS LONG BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL BOTH SIDES WERE FULLY PREPARED TO RESUME

OUR WORK. I WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR BRIEFING AND CONSULTATION ON THE HILL. BEST REGARDS, LAZARUS E. SALLI, CHAIRMAN, JCFS END QUOTE. BERGSEN.

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