

JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950
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The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
for Micronesian Status Negotiations
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ambassador Williams:

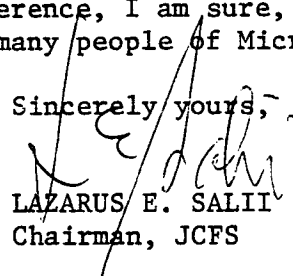
As you know, Micronesian interests at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference have been entrusted by the Congress of Micronesia to the Joint Committee on the Law of the Sea, chaired by Senator Andon Amaraich. For nearly one and a half years, efforts have been made by members of both the U.S. Law of the Sea Delegation and the Joint Committee on the Law of the Sea to protect Micronesian interests through representation by the U.S. Delegation.

Although these efforts have been made in good faith by both parties, they have not succeeded in their goal of ensuring full and adequate representation of Micronesian interests. Accordingly, by letter dated August 29, 1974, a copy of which is attached, the Joint Committee requested the assistance of the U.S. Law of the Sea Delegation in obtaining observer status at all subsequent sessions of the Conference.

I would like to lend my support to the request of the Joint Committee. Many people in Micronesia are looking to the Law of the Sea issue as an example of how adequately Micronesia's international interests might be represented under a free association relationship with the U.S.

Supporting Micronesia's request for observer status at the Law of the Sea Conference, I am sure, will be looked upon very favorably by many people of Micronesia.

Sincerely yours,


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Chairman, JCFS

Enclosure

cc: Chairman Andon Amaraich, JCLOS
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