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Room 361
Washington, D.C. 20506

September 30, 1974

Honorable Lazarus E. Salii
Chairman
Joint Committee on Future Status
Congress of Micronesia
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Lazarus,

I received only yesterday your letter in support of Senator Amaraich's request for separate observer status at forthcoming sessions of the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference.

We had discussed the matter earlier with Ambassador Stevenson and took the position then that this action would be appropriate and in keeping with the present and contemplated future status of Micronesia.

Ambassador Stevenson as you know has now agreed to support the Micronesian request. A copy of his letter to Senator Amaraich is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

F. Haydn Williams
U.S. Ambassador
Micronesian Status Negotiations

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PLEASE PASS TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER TO SENATOR AMARAICH.
SIGNED LETTER FOLLOWS BY POST.

DEAR SENATOR AMARAICH:

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I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 29, 1974 CONTAINING A REQUEST FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN SECURING OBSERVER STATUS FOR MICRONESIA AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. I AM VERY PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT YOUR PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN OBSERVER STATUS. WHILE THE UNITED STATES DOES RETAIN AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHETHER THE LAW OF THE SEA AGREEMENT, IF RATIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE APPLICABLE TO MICRONESIA, WE DO EXPECT ISSUES TO ARISE AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WHERE OUR VIEWS DIFFER. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION SHOULD HAVE THE ADDITIONAL LATITUDE AND FLEXIBILITY IN THE PRESENTATION OF THEIR VIEWS WHICH WOULD BE ALLOWED BY OBSERVER STATUS.

SINCE THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF DETAILS TO WORK OUT IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THIS DECISION MAY I SUGGEST THAT MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF CONTACT MYRON NORDQUIST OF D/LOS, ROOM 4321, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, 20520 (202-632-9098) IN ORDER TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE

CONFERENCE. I THINK WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS AND OUR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS.

SINCERELY,

JOHN R. STEVENSON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT

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