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SUBJ: FINANCIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH JCFS

1. SENATOR SALII AND AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AGREED LAST DECEMBER THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AN INFORMAL AND CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA UNDER A STATUS OF FREE ASSOCIATION IN THE POST TRUSTEESHIP PERIOD. THESE TALKS WILL SERVE AS BACKGROUND FOR THE FURTHER FORMAL TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE. THESE INFORMAL EXCHANGES WILL GIVE THE JOINT COMMITTEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH THE UNITED STATES ITS VIEWS OF THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA'S REQUIREMENTS AND FOR THE UNITED STATES IN TURN TO EXPLAIN ITS ASSUMPTION AND ITS PROPOSALS. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL NOT INVOLVE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BUT WILL PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE FURTHER FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. A THREE MAN U.S. TEAM HEADED BY JAMES M. WILSON, U.S.

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DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY IN SAIPAN FOR THIS PURPOSE AND MAY REMAIN FOR AS LONG AS THREE WEEKS. DUE TO ILLNESS MR. SOL SILVER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP AS PLANNED EARLIER. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE JAMES BERG AND RICHARD MILLER, BOTH OF DOTA.

3. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS WILL STOP OVER IN SAIPAN ENROUTE TO THE PHILIPPINES SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA, ARRIVING 29 JANUARY & DEPARTING 31 JANUARY. AT THAT TIME HE WILL DISCUSS WITH SENATOR SALT THE AGENDA FOR THESE INFORMAL EXCHANGES AND HE WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH SENATOR PANGELINAN CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE JOINT U.S./MARIANAS AD HOC PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. MESSRS BERG AND MILLER ARRIVE 24 JAN AND MR. WILSON ON 1 FEB. MR. WILSON WILL REMAIN THROUGH THE DISCUSSIONS.

4. BERG AND MILLER WILL WISH TO SPEND THE TIME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL AND BEFORE THE MEETINGS BEGIN SOMETIME AFTER FEBRUARY 1 COLLECTING FURTHER DATA AND INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS. THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF HEADQUARTERS AND DISTAD PERSONNEL WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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