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## Memorandum

To : James M. Wilson, Jr.  
U.S. Deputy Representative for  
Micronesian Negotiations

From : Stanley S. Carpenter  
Director of Territorial Affairs

Subject: Proposed Draft Legislation to Transfer Public Lands in  
Micronesia from the Central Government to the Several  
Districts.

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permission in writing.

Herewith is the subject-proposed draft legislation together with a covering letter to the High Commissioner. In accordance with our previous discussions, you will personally deliver these enclosures to the High Commissioner in order that he may submit the draft proposal to the Congress of Micronesia for eventual enactment into law.

The proposed draft represents a rewrite of the draft originally submitted for review by the High Commissioner. We are satisfied that it generally tracks the commitments and understandings set forth in the Micronesian Public Land Policy Paper of November 2, 1973. A significant deviation from those commitments and understandings results from the deletion, at the instructions of Ambassador Williams, as relayed by you, of subsection 4 of Section 6. This subsection would have prevented the transfer to a district of public lands needed to meet the land requirements of the United States as designated under the terms of future status agreements until formal agreement for such use had been reached between the United States and a district legal entity. The subsection represents the sense of the U.S. policy as set forth in Part IV, B, (5) of Policy Paper. We understand, however, that for reasons related to the Micronesian status negotiations, Ambassador Williams wishes the provision eliminated. Accordingly, we have done so, though we feel that the subsection should remain in the draft to protect the United States.

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Director of Territorial Affairs

Attachments

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