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January 20, 1975

Speaker Iteibang Luii
Palau District Legislature
Legislative Hall
P.O. Box 8
Koror, Palau
Western Caroline Islands 96940

Dear Speaker Luii:

Mr. Sylvester F. Alonz's letter transmitting a certified copy of Resolution No. 74(S)-1 of December 4, 1974 "Relative to clarifying the position of the Palau Legislature with respect to the implementation of the United States Government Policy on the return of public lands from the Trust Territory Government to the people of the Palau District" arrived in Washington while I was away. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to acknowledge receipt of the referenced resolution which rescinds the Palau Resolution 74(2)-23 of October 18, 1974 and reaffirms the previous position of the Palau Legislature regarding the implementation of the U.S. Government policy of November 1973 on the return of public lands.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the other leaders and people of Palau for the invitation, the cooperation and assistance given to Admiral Crowe and the members of his party on last year's survey mission to Palau. The help given by representatives of the Legislature, the traditional leaders and the municipalities constituted a major contribution to the success of this technical land survey.

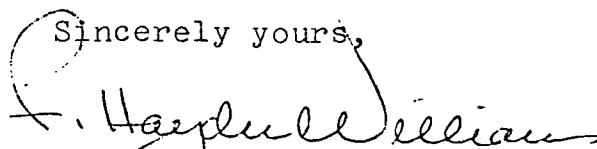
A copy of Admiral Crowe's report is attached for your and your colleagues' information. The United States is still in the process of reviewing this data and the various alternatives prior to making final determinations on which sites appear to be most desirable from its standpoint. At the time our sub-negotiations on land begin the U.S. will of course advise you of its preferences. Meanwhile any views and comments you and the Palau Legislature may have on the enclosed data and on procedural questions would be welcomed.

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I am providing copies of this letter to the members of the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia for their information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Haydn Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

F. Haydn Williams
U.S. Ambassador

Micronesian Status Negotiations

Encl: as indicated

cc: JCFS Members (less enclosure)

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