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SUBJECT: LETTER TO SENATOR LAZARUS SALII

PASS TO STATUS LNO FOR DELIVERY TO SENATOR LAZARUS SALII FROM AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS

DEAR SENATOR SALII:

I HAVE NOW HAD TIME TO CONSIDER YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE MEET IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY THE NEXT STEPS IN THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. I FAVOR SUCH A MEETING BUT WE WILL NEED TIME TO STUDY THE NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR MICRONESIA. WE WILL ALSO WISH TO REVIEW SOME OF OUR EARLIER POSITIONS AND PROPOSALS INCLUDING TITLE IVIN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE OUR CARMEL, GUAM AND HONO.

IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DATE FOR SUCH A MEETING TO PLAN FOR FURTHER TALKS BE SET FOR THE SECOND HALF OF JANU-ARY 1976, PREFERABLE BETWEEN THE 2 19TH AND 23RD AND THAT WE MEET IN SAIPAN WITH YOU AND YOUR CO-CHAIR MAN AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COM AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.



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IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON REMAINING ISSUES AT OUR INFORMAL MEETING IN JANUARY.

WITH KIND REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS, HAYDN WILLIAMS.

KISSINGER