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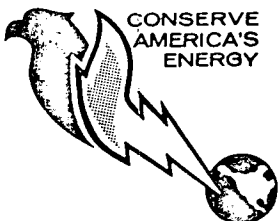
Memorandum

To: Director, Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations
From: Administrator, Ocean Mining Administration
Subject: Law of the Sea Issues of Interest to the the Micronesians

The attached letter from Frederick L. Ramp of the Micronesian Delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference is provided for your information. I assume your office is conversant with the Law of the Seas issues of interest to the Micronesians. However, if it would be helpful to you, I would be pleased to brief you on the outcome of the Geneva session of the LOS Conference or to attend any meetings with the Micronesians in which LOS issues are likely to arise.

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Dear Leigh:

I would like to enlist your help in achieving clarity for the Micronesians in respect of their rights to their sea resources, both as they exist now and as they will be confirmed or created by the Conference. There is also of course the possibility that the course of customary international law will outrun the pace of the Conference.

As you know from our meeting with Ambassador Stevenson in his office on April 24, there is considerable urgency in getting an answer. A new Director of the Office of Territories has just been appointed, and I expect to stop over in Washington on my way back to meet and give him any information he may want. I think it would be very important to have you, as the best informed man in Interior on both the Micronesian situation and the Law of the Sea situation, give the new director the benefit of your advice, and help generally in pulling together the U.S. Government on this matter. If you agree, I shall call you when I get to Washington, which ought to be around the 16th of May.

Meanwhile again, many thanks for your briefing of the Micronesian Delegation and many thanks for what I hope will be your successful championing of the Interior Department's special wards, the inhabitants of Micronesia.

See you in New York in February (I am betting). All the best,


Fredrick L. Ramp

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