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The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams  
The President's Personal Representative  
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Dear Ambassador Williams:

Thank you for your message of January 7, 1976, concerning the proposed heads of delegations meeting.

As you have correctly noted, the proposed Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia will indeed have a "significant bearing" on the future political status of Micronesia. Please be assured, however, that as far as the Joint Committee is concerned, the basic nature of the future relationship between our two nations, as envisaged by our understandings in principle reached at Hana and Koror is still unchanged.

Pursuant to your request, we have asked Paul Warnke to forward to you for your information the following documents:

1. A Cross-Analysis of the Constitution and the Draft Compact;
2. An Analysis of the Referendum Results; and
3. The Joint Committee's recommendation for changes to existing provisions of the Draft Compact, developed during the Joint Committee's meeting in early December.

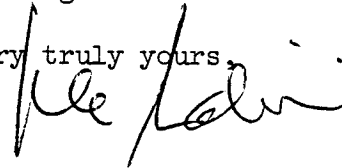
In return, we believe that it would be equally important if you would share with us informally the result of your own review of the Compact and Constitution, and identify those general and specific areas which you believe warrants our attention at our next meeting.

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I look forward to receiving this information, and to hearing from you as to when you will be available for our next meeting.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lazarus E. Salii".

LAZARUS E. SALII  
Chairman

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