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HERETOFORE BEEN MADE BY US AND AMEND THE EXISTING DRAFT AGREEMENT TO DEFINE OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP. WE ARE ALSO DISAPPOINTED THAT

RESPONSE TO OUR EARLIER LETTER DID NOT INCLUDE YOUR CROSS-ANALYSIS

OF THE CONSTITUTION AND COMPACT, AS YOU INDICATED IN YOUR EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE, OR YOUR COMMENTS ON OUR PROPOSALS AND OUR CROSS-ANALYSIS, WHICH WE PROVIDED TO YOU IN GOOD FAITH IN THE BEL

THAT AN EARLY EXCHANGE OF POSITION PAPERS WOULD FACILITATE PROGRESS AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS BETWEEN US. IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY YOUR CROSS-ANALYSIS, YOUR COMMENTS ON OUR CR

ANALYSIS, AND YOUR CONCRETE PROPOSALS, WE FEAR THAT THE NEXT MEETING BETWEEN US WILL RESULT IN A CONSIDERABLE WASTE OF THE TIME OF BOTH SIDES. FINALLY, LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE HAVE BEEN READY TO MEET WITH YOU SINCE NOVEMBER OF 1978, JUST AS SOON AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COMPLETED ITS WORK. WE PROPOSED A MEETING DURING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WHEN THE AVAILABILITY OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN US AND THE FULL JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE FACILITATED OUR PROGRESS, WITHOUT THE UNNECESSARY EXPENSE INVOLVED IN AN AFTER-SESSION MEETING. UNFORTUNATELY, ANY SUCH MEETING WAS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO YOUR OTHER PRIORITY COMMITMENTS. WE NOW REITERATE THAT WE ARE READY TO MEET WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY UPON YOUR PROVIDING US WITH YOUR CROSS-ANALYSIS, COMMENTS ON OUR CROSS-ANALYSIS, AND RESPONSES TO THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN OUR PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPACT. WE SUGGEST THAT SUCH A MEETING BE HELD IN SAIPAN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR EARLY REPLY. SINCERELY, LAZARUS E. SALIT, CHAIRMAN AND EKPAP SILK, CO-CHAIRMAN, JO'S. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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