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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your Committee on Future Political Status, to which were referred several subject matters by the Commission on February 3, 1977, namely: Further Negotiations on Political Status and the Commission's Position on Reported U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) surveillance activities in Micronesia, begs leave to report as follows:

While the urgency of reopening the status negotiations with the United States cannot be overstated, there are serious impediments created by the U.S., which, in the opinion of your Committee, must be removed before any serious consideration is given to setting a possible date for the resumption of talks. These impediments are comprised of the following:

1. Failure of the United States Government to present to the Commission its official position concerning Law of the Sea as promised by Ambassador Williams at the Eighth Round of Negotiations. As the Committee has previously noted, the U.S. has continued to refuse to meet to discuss the question of control and authority over Micronesia's marine resources. Future rounds of negotiations must focus on the question of Micronesia's jurisdiction over marine resources and must recognize Micronesia's ability to exercise such jurisdiction both internally and internationally.

2. Reported surveillance on Micronesian negotiators over the past four years by the United States Central Intelligence Agency has raised a credibility crisis in Micronesia. Suspensions and distrust towards the United States and those in the U.S. Delegation exist. It is the hope of the Committee that the current hearings being held by the U.S. Senate Select

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Committee on Intelligence would allay much of this feeling of distrust. It is the information of the Committee that formal requests have been made to the Carter Administration by the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia asking for full investigation and disclosure on the reported spying and other possible intelligence activities in Micronesia including the names of persons involved. The Congress of Micronesia leadership has stated to the Administering Authority that such disclosure is crucial to the restoration of public trust in the Congress of Micronesia, the Commission and other Micronesian leaders.

Although the allegations of surveillance by the United States did not come as a complete surprise to your Committee, we are nonetheless shocked and dismayed to learn that the United States Government has apparently engaged in a continuing course of surveillance over the past four years. We believe that activity of this sort is wholly inconsistent with the fiduciary relationship which exists between the United States and the Trust Territory. The Micronesians have always viewed the negotiations as a cooperative undertaking rather than a confrontation between two diplomatic opponents. In our view, these actions indicate that the United States has maintained a steadfast adversarial posture throughout the course of the negotiations. This matter constitutes a serious impediment to resumption of future negotiations, and must, therefore, be dealt with in a forthright manner. More seriously, the alleged surveillance has rendered the product of the negotiations -- the incomplete Draft Compact -- wholly suspect by the people of Micronesia.

In view of the foregoing, your Committee recommends that the Commission refrain from initiating any move to reopen the status negotiations until the cloud of suspicion has dissipated. The Committee recognizes, however, that there is need for continuing communication with the U.S. regarding the political status negotiations. For this purpose, the Committee agreed that the Chairman of the Commission be authorized to send a letter to President Carter requesting information as to when a new ambassador for the Micronesian Status Negotiations will be appointed.


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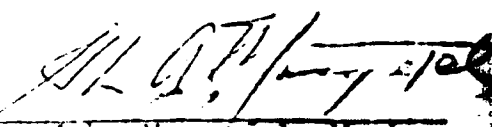
The Committee must note its great disappointment that Ambassador Manhard, as successor to Ambassador Williams, has not communicated with the Commission regarding the reported CIA spying in Micronesia. The Committee also noted that in his letter to the Leadership of the Congress of Micronesia on behalf of the President of the United States regarding the CIA activities in Micronesia, Ambassador Manhard failed to address the subject of CIA activities in Micronesia, which was the subject of the communication from the COM Leadership to the President of the United States. The Committee strongly recommends that the Chairman of the Commission be authorized to send the attached letter to Ambassador Manhard to find out what knowledge he had and presently have regarding the reported CIA activities in Micronesia.

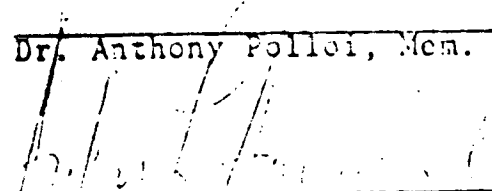
Finally, your Committee recommends that the Administering Authority be requested to officially state its policy on separate status negotiations now and for the future. It must be pointed out that indecision on the part of the United States in this matter continues to have a serious adverse effect on Micronesia with respect to the status negotiations and unity of the territory.

Further, it should be pointed out to the U.S. that good faith and mutual trust between the two Governments are nearly non-existent at the present time, and that a clear, unambiguous policy by the United States supporting the unity of Micronesia would clearly represent a sincere step forward in restoring mutual trust.

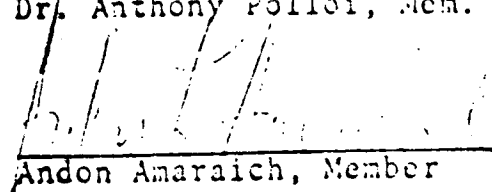
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