

March 2, 1977

The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama
President of the Senate
Congress of Micronesia,

The Honorable Bethwel Henry
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Congress of Micronesia,

and

The Speakers of the District Legislatures
of the six Districts of Micronesia

We wish to assure you of our interest in close U.S. relations with Micronesia and our confidence that we can negotiate an agreement on the future status of Micronesia that will serve the interests of the people of Micronesia and the United States.

Our government is presently conducting a thorough and wide-ranging review of its position on Micronesia. We expect to complete this study by early spring. We should like therefore to propose that representatives of Micronesia meet with representatives of the United States in late April or early May for a full discussion of our relationship and how we might best proceed with detailed negotiations on the future status of Micronesia.

We ask each of you to whom this letter is addressed to advise us, either in a coordinated reply or separately, of the names of those from Micronesia who would attend this meeting. The exact dates and location of the meeting will then be decided upon by your representatives and the U.S. representatives.

We look forward to your early response and to a fruitful discussion of these issues which are so important both to Micronesia and to the United States.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State

Carl Andrus
Secretary of the Interior