

At Tab A is a draft memorandum from you to the President attaching the report of his Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, Ambassador F. Haydn Williams, covering the sixth round of negotiations held here in Washington July 12-August 1, 1972.

This round was devoted to beginning work on a draft Compact of Association that would embody the principles agreed on last spring at Palau, Micronesia, and set down in a Joint Communique issued at that time. The language of the Compact agreed on at this most recent session defines general authority in the fields of internal affairs, foreign relations, and security matters. Consonant with the Joint Communique, these sections of the draft Compact give the U.S. full authority in foreign relations and security matters, while reserving control of internal affairs to the Micronesians.

The next round of negotiations is scheduled for this month.

Recommendation:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab A.