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Memorandum

To: Director, Territorial Affairs
From: U.S. Ambassador, Micronesian Status Negotiations
Subject: Marianas Homesteading

1. Some three weeks ago prior to going on leave Mr. Wilson asked that the attached draft letter be sent to the U.S. High Commissioner in the Trust Territory on the subject of homesteading in the Marianas. The purpose was to remove that subject as an issue in the current status negotiations with the Marianas and to place the responsibility for the homesteading program squarely where it belongs on the Trust Territory and District Governments.

2. I understand that on your return the following week you determined that it would be more appropriate to discuss the matter orally with Saipan and in fact called the Acting High Commissioner on the subject. I am now advised that the District Administrator, despite whatever instructions were given him by the Acting High Commissioner, has failed to take any further action on the subject and has stated orally that he intends to take none until requested to do so by local political figures. Meanwhile pressures on U.S. negotiators are increasing daily to do something about the situation.

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3. I feel it essential in the U.S. interests, that action be taken at once to remove this as an impediment to the forward progress of our negotiations and accordingly request once again, that the attached letter be sent immediately to the High Commissioner.

Franklin Haydn Williams
U.S. Ambassador
Micronesian Status Negotiations

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