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" Mr. Wilson.....

" We have been trying from the beginning of these negotiations to keep the interested committees of the U.S. Congress as much informed as to what we were doing as possible. And we have tried on as many occasions as possible to solicit the advice of the Members of Congress, both individually and as members of the committee might be speaking through the staff representatives.....

"After all, we recognized from the beginning that these are agreements which are going to have to pass the test of congressional approval. It would be a waste of time on our part if we proceeded down a road which was obviously going to run contrary to the wishes of the Members of Congress."

" Mr. Clausen (Acting Chairman)."... I do want to state for the record that what Mr. Wilson said is totally accurate.

"We have had any number of informal meetings, primarily at the request of our Chairman, Mr. Burton, and we (the members) have had informal meetings between the House and Senate in an effort to bring about the most orderly negotiating process that could be acceptable to both the Executive and the Congress.

"And they know full well that whatever is going to be proposed has to be satisfactory to us; it also has to be satisfactory to the people in Micronesia. And that is what the negotiating process is all about.

"And I just wanted to state for the record that what you (Mr. Wilson) did convey to us is more than a truism, because we have had at least a half a dozen sessions that I have been part of."

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