

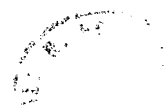
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Dear Speaker Luii:

Upon my return from Saipan in late DEcember I received a copy of the Palau District Legislature Resolution (No. 74(S)-1), which reaffirmed your support for early return of public lands by executive action. I assume that the Palau District Legislature will now be taking necessary action to effect their immediate return of public land to the Palau District as outlined in my letter to you of November 15, 1974.

Admiral Crowe has recently concluded his study of the results of his site survey in Palau and has submitted his report. For your part in this successful effort I wish to thank you and the other participating Palauan leaders. The cooperation and assistance given to Admiral Crowe and his party by all concerned in Palau were truly exceptional and constituted a major contribution to the success of the survey effort.

A copy of Admiral Crowe's report is attached for your information and study. The United States is still in the process of reviewing this data prior to making final determinations on which sites appear to be the most desirable from our standpoint. At the time our sub-negotiations on land begin the U.S. will of course advise you of our preferences. Meanwhile any views and comments you may have on the enclosed data would be appreciated.



I am providing copies of this letter to the Joint
Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia
for their information.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

FHW
Abm to MSN

Attachment

cc: JCFS Members

