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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Senator Jackson:

The President passed along to me your letter expressing your thoughts about U. S. interests at stake in the Micronesian status negotiations, and your concerns about the institutional arrangements supporting these negotiations. As you may know, we are currently completing a thorough inter-agency review of the substantive and institutional issues involved in the Micronesian status negotiations. Until the review is completed, I cannot predict precisely how we will come out on the matters you have raised. I can assure you that your concerns have been echoed by others participating in the review. We will expect to resolve these issues in the next few weeks in order to resume consultations with the Micronesians in late April or early May. Once our review is completed, I will be happy to arrange a full briefing on this subject for you.

Sincerely,



Zbigniew Brzezinski

The Honorable Henry M. Jackson
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