

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Dear Ambassador Rosenblatt:

The NSC has no objection to your draft letter describing the position of the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Affairs and the formation and organization of the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations. You may send it to Mr. Copaken as requested.

Sincerely,



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Staff Secretary

Ambassador Peter Rosenblatt
The President's Personal Representative
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Washington, D.C. 20240

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addressed to:

The President of the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia;

The Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress
of Micronesia; and

The Speaker of each District Legislature

For nearly eight years your representatives and ours have been trying to resolve the vital question of your future status after the end of the present Trusteeship. We are keenly aware of the importance of this question to your people and to ours. We realize the complexities involved in reaching a solution which will be fair and beneficial to all concerned. The problems that have concerned us both have not lessened with the passage of time. But they should never obscure the firm principle which is the basis of our political status negotiations--the principle of self-determination. That principle was the foundation stone of our nation. We honor it also in the forum of the United Nations and we are equally determined to be faithful to the responsibility we assumed 30 years ago to assure to Micronesia, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, a full and free opportunity to determine its own political future. We, as Americans with our own experience with diversity and respect for the rights of all, are not insensitive to the understandably strong and distinct interests of each of the districts of Micronesia and we wish to find means of giving due and fair consideration to such vital interests.

It is our desire, and we believe in our mutual best interest, that our negotiations should come soon to a fruitful conclusion,

the results to be laid before the people of Micronesia and the Congress of the United States respectively for their decision. To that end the Administration here in Washington, would welcome your support and cooperation in resuming our negotiations expeditiously.

To prepare the way for the resumption of formal talks in a meaningful and effective way, I hereby invite duly selected Micronesian leaders from each of the districts to come to Washington in late March or early April for informal discussions with our representatives to consult as to the future course and direction of our negotiations as well as the nature of our relationships with all the districts during the transition to a new status.

I very much hope you will find it possible to make arrangements among your colleagues for a positive response to this invitation.