

GOVERNMENT OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

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Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

October 30, 1980

Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt
The U.S President's Personal Representative
Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations
Department of the Interior
Room 3356
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Peter:

The Government of the Marshall Islands is pleased that the essence of the proposals contained in President Kabua's letter to you of June 20, 1980, has now been accepted by the Government of the United States. We understand, however, that the Government of the United States would prefer to work out, in a separate agreement -- which will become effective simultaneously with the Compact --, the precise method of extending the rights and obligations specified in Section 311(b)(1) and (2) beyond the expiration of the term referred to in Section 452(a) or Section 453(a).

This approach is agreeable to the Government of the Marshall Islands, provided that:

(1) the terms of any such separate agreement are specifically satisfactory to Senators Jackson, Johnston, McClure and Hatfield;

(2) the arrangement is no more burdensome to the Government of the Marshall Islands than that contemplated in President Kabua's letter of June 20, 1980;

(3) the substantive arrangements are identical for the Marshall Islands, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia; and

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that
→ (4) any separate agreement specifically provide
"a material breach of the Compact of
Free Association by the Government of
the United States or the Government of
Palau, the Marshall Islands or the
Federated States of Micronesia, re-
spectively, shall entitle the non-
breaching Government to invoke the
breach as a ground for terminating
this agreement or suspending its
operation in whole or in part."

Sincerely yours,



Anton A. deBrum
Secretary of Foreign Affairs