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Honorable Andon Amaraich
Chairman, Commission on Future Political
Status and Transition
Ponape, E.C.I. 96941

Dear Chairman Amaraich:

Thank you for your letter of October 30. We appreciate your references to the FSM's desire for a lasting bond with the United States, in the defense context as well as others. We strongly concur in your judgment that the concerns of the United States senators to which you refer must be addressed prior to signature of the Compact. Moreover, we recognize the FSM's long-term concerns addressed in part in Section 454(a) particularly as they apply to discussions for the extension of the provisions of Title Three beyond the first 15 years which are contained in Section 354.

The provisions that will be required to meet the concerns expressed by the senators must, of course, still be negotiated, most probably in a side agreement. We know, however, from our conversations on the subject, that you and your colleagues recognize that the provisions of the Compact, including economic provisions, for the first 15 years are in all other respects complete as initialed except as explicitly set forth therein.

We do, indeed, find your letter constructive and look forward to joining with you in discussions relating to these subjects in the near future.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Rosenblatt
Ambassador

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