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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1975

TO: CHARLIE LEPPERT

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Charley, I have sent copies
of the attached communication
to both the NSC and Doug
Bennett. Please call me after
you have read Professor
Holliday's letter.

Thank you.



*Talked to
Russ 8.5.75
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21 July 1975

Mr. John O. Marsh, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Marsh:

Although I realize your current efforts deal with congressional relations, because of our discussions on the future of the Pacific Basin I thought I should bring the Micronesia issue to your attention. Back in 1971, when I was the coordinator for the conference on the "Prospects for Peace, Development, and Security in Asia in the 1970's," your comments to me in your Washington office and at Airlie House left no doubt in my mind of your deep concern for our national interests in the Pacific. Therefore, I come to you at this time since I am deeply concerned about the direction of the Micronesian negotiations.

Have you seen a copy of the agreement Ambassador Haydn Williams proposes for Micronesia other than the Northern Marianas? I believe you will agree with me that the "free association" proposed is neither in the best interests of the United States nor the Micronesians. Although I would be happy to provide you any backup information you might want, you can easily get the fact there in Washington. I suggest both Lindsey Grant (Dept of State) and RAdm Crowe (ISA, Dept of Def).

The long term significance of these negotiations is so great I hope you will bring the issue to the attention of those in the highest level of the administration.

I understand there is a possibility that Ambassador Williams will be replaced by someone capable of achieving some kind of permanent relationship between the United States and all parts of Micronesia. If this should be true, I hope you will see that Fred K. Fox of Houston, Texas is given full consideration. Although not well known in academic circles, he is uniquely qualified to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion.

If I can be of any assistance, please call on me (803) 772-6162.

Very respectfully yours,

Sam C. Holliday
Professor of Public Affairs

