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President Emanuel Mori
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Dear President Mori:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 11, 2013, informing the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Federated States of Micronesia Government's appropriation of \$0.7 million from domestic revenue to counteract the reduction of the same amount in Compact funding for College of Micronesia-FSM. It is helpful to learn that the FSM Government has allocated sufficient funds to ensure that COM-FSM will continue to be able to operate its educational programs this fiscal year.

In addition, the Commission also appreciates knowing that you and the FSM Congress are proposing to provide in FY 2014 the amount of \$1.4 million to counteract what will otherwise be a further reduction in the College's annual funding due to reductions implemented by the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO). I look forward to learning the outcome of your budget proposal after the Congress votes on it.

The Commission appreciates the FSM Government's interest in supporting COM-FSM. Through accreditation, the ACCJC is helping President Daisy to bring some improved practices to the College, and I would expect that you will see improved student outcomes as result of new college practices within a few years' time.

In conclusion, I agree with you, sir, that College of Micronesia-FSM can play a vital role in the socio-economic development of the FSM and in the well-being of its people. On behalf of the Commission, I commend you for your support of the College. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you if you have time when I next visit College of Micronesia-FSM.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
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cc: President Joseph Daisy
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