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March 10, 1961

A. FERNÓS-ISERN, PUERTO RICO

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Mr. Aspinall ✓ *Walt*
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Saylor
Mr. Westland

FROM: J. L. Taylor *JLT*

SUBJECT: Recent Plebiscite on Saipan and Tinian

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1. Early in February, 1961, the electors of Saipan and Tinian voted on a plebiscite which permitted them to express preference as to their future status. A day or so ago the results of the plebiscite were released to members of the United Nations Visiting Mission who were at Saipan.

The results are:

	<u>Saipan</u>	<u>Tinian</u>
1. Do you want to enter the U. S. Government through the political framework of Guam (Integrate with Guam?)	1557	85
2. Do you want to join the U.S. Government as a separate territory of the U.S. (Direct Association)?	818	75
3. Do you want to continue under the present situation?	21	6
4. If you don't want 1, 2, or 3, what do you want (Write in the space)?	2	0
5. Void	<u>4</u>	0
Total ballots	----- 2402	----- 166

The total population of the Saipan District is roughly 7400, of whom 6700 live on Saipan and 460 on Tinian. About 4600 are under 20 years. Therefore there would have been some 2800 eligible voters. Approximately 89 percent of the eligible voters cast their ballots. Apparently the voters of the other

5 populated Mariana Islands under Naval Administration did not participate in the plebiscite. The total population of these 5 islands is about 300.

I have asked that Navy, State, and Interior keep us apprised of the reaction of the members of U. N. Visiting Mission to the results of the plebiscite.

2. I am also enclosing a copy of a petition [?] certain members of the Carolinian community on Saipan (about 100) filed with the Visiting Mission relative to the minority status of the Carolinians on Saipan.

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10 February 1961

From: The Saipan Carolinian Community
To: The United Nations Visiting Mission

Subj: Request for serious consideration of the well-being and
existence of the Carolinian Community in regard to the
Reintegration issue of the Marianas

Dear Messrs:

It is humbly requested that serious consideration be given to the Carolinian Community on Saipan by the Visiting Mission in regard to the Reintegration of the Northern Marianas into the framework of the Territory of Guam for the following reasons:

1. The Carolinian population of the Northern Marianas which amounted to approximately 25%, or more, of the total population of this District are descendants of those Carolinians who have settled in the Northern Marianas between 1810 and 1869, at the time when the Northern Marianas islands were uninhabited.
2. The Carolinian Community since then have kept their traditional customs and identity in spite of continuous immigrations from Guam, Phillipines, Japan and others.
3. The Carolinian population have been living peacefully as farmers, fishermen, laborers and servants up to this date and are law-abiding, withstanding all servile and discriminative treatment, as we were always considered racially inferior by our fellowmen.
4. The Carolinian people do not consider Reintegration with Guam since it will not provide any advantage ethnically, socially, politically and economically.
5. We are fully in agreement with the United Nations objectives for a final self-government instead of reintegration with an unincorporated and non-selfgoverning territory which will not be in the best interest of the people of this district, especially the Carolinians.

- 6. We, the minority racial extract (Carolinian) therefore, request the United Nations Visiting Mission to seriously consider the well-being and existence of the Carolinian people as well as their Chamorro neighbors that if we became politically, socially, and economically prepared to assume our self-government, to accede to our petition of direct annexation by the United States of America so that we may acquire status as an entity.
- 7. We fervently request the U. N. Visiting Mission to convey this petition to the proper authority of the United Nations Organization for proper action.

Respectfully,

Elise P. Sablan
Representing

Signed by the Carolinian tribal Elders:

Benusto Kaipat_____	Antonio Rogolifei_____
Juan Olopai_____	Pedro Apolisan_____
David Marsiano_____	Jose Fitipol_____
Simion Olopsi_____	Francisco Tilipao_____
Eduard Peter_____	Antonio Mangarero_____
Antonio Terageyo_____	Benigno Rabauliman_____
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