

RADIOGRAM

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High Commissioner M. W. Goding
Saipan
Mariana Islands

IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE AND PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS THEY CONVENE THE OPENING SESSION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S FIRST LEGISLATIVE BODY.

THIS IS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION WHICH TRULY REFLECTS THE ASPIRATIONS AND ABILITIES OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. THE RECENT ELECTIONS TO THIS FIRST CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WITH THEIR SURPRISINGLY HEAVY VOTER TURNOUT, WERE AN IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF THE MATURITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ELECTORATE. THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST CONGRESS IS A TESTAMENT TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICTS WHO HAVE UNITED IN A REMARKABLE EXPERIMENT IN PROGRESSIVE SELF GOVERNMENT.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS AND PLEDGE TO YOU THE CONTINUED CO-OPERATION AND RESOURCES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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