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GOVERNMENT OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS  
Office of the Chief Executive  
Naha, Okinawa

12 November 1965

The President,  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:


I am deeply appreciative of your kindness in sending me your letter of October 27, 1965 and the pen used in signing into law a joint resolution of the Congress which has authorized payment of up to \$22 million for some 180,000 Ryukyuan pre-treaty claims.

It is a source of deep gratification to me that the United States Government is taking an ever-increasing interest in the promotion of the welfare and well-being of the Ryukyuan people. May I express my strong hope that the Congressional appropriation of funds necessary for carrying out the legislation will be favorably considered early in the next session of Congress.

The Government of the Ryukyu Islands will do its utmost to assure that these funds, when made available to the claimants, will be effectively utilized for the further advancement of the Ryukyuan economy.

In closing, I should like to express my sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation to you for your kind presentation of the pen, which symbolizes the good-will of the American people, and for your strong support of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands.

Respectfully yours,

  
Seiho Matsuoka  
Chief Executive  
Government of the Ryukyu Islands

