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President L.B. Johnson  
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

I am a citizen of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and a resident of the island of Yap, about 450 miles west of Guam.

Last year the Congress of Micronesia passed a resolution asking the President of the United States to decide their status and give them the privilege of free entry with accompanying rights to work or go to schools without restriction by the Immigration. In reply you said a Presidential Committee would be sent sometime in 1969 to study this matter.

Because of limited economic resources and small income in the Trust Territory, it is almost imposible for one to further his education abroad with scarce income from home. My father is a chief in his municipality, and secratary of the Island Council with a salary of about 40 dollars a month. He has a family of seven. An income like this is enough for living on the islands, but you can not help some onelse abroad.

Hence, if free entry privilege is given to Trust Territory citizens, more young people would be able to work in the United States and pay their way through schools. Also they would have the privilege to enter, go to college part time, and be able to work, which, as foreign students, they could not do.

Our government is doing its part in providing scholarships for those who are qualified, but there are still some who could go to schools if opportunity were provided.

I am sure your committee will see that such privilege granted us by the United States is essential for our future. It is obvious now that Trust Territory will not remain in its premitive life as it has been several decades ago. But, of course, if it had not been for your government's help, we would not be developing this way today.

Respectfully yours,

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