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September 15, 1969

Honorable William Rogers  
Secretary of State  
State Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Will Rogers:

I do not want to make a nuisance of myself but I would think it important to the State Department which must defend United States action before the United Nations to see that the attitude and approach of the United States is proper as a Trustee.

Cordially,

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Gentlemen:

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In the Spring of 1969 I met, at the request of Micronesian Congressmen, with about two-thirds of the Micronesian Congress. I was then asked to serve as attorney for all the Micronesian people. Obviously, until an official Congress meeting I could rely only on these men who seemed as nearly to represent the Micronesian people as anyone. Since then the Political Status Committee, the Micronesian Senate and House by Joint Resolution, and the Political Status Delegation to the United States have officially retained me as attorney. A copy of the Joint Resolution is enclosed.

I have been troubled to hear that the Interior Department, even after this, tried to appoint another attorney for the Micronesians and make money available only if used for his employment. I remind the United States and each and every officer, Department, Congressional Committee or Congressman that the United States (and all of its agencies) is a Trustee for the Micronesians, answerable to the United Nations and must never act in its own interest to the detriment of the Micronesians.

As an example, I have seen both the proposed Act by Representative Patsy Mink and an Organic Act drafted by the Interior Department and transmitted to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the Senate. Far from carrying out the express wish of the Micronesians for "free association" with the United States or "independence" it makes Micronesia a "possession" of the United States; it permanently makes a United States appointed Governor the ultimate Executive officer and able to veto all legislation; it makes all United States laws and Executive orders binding in Micronesia; it imposes ultimate military control in the United States. If any lawyer were asked to draw an instrument favorable to the United States and unfavorable to the Micronesians he would have had a hard time to do more than this draft.

I ask, as attorney for all the persons and groups stated above, that the United States and all of its officers and representatives stop attempting to speak for the Micronesian people, that they act solely and ethically as Trustees, I also ask that I be furnished immediately and

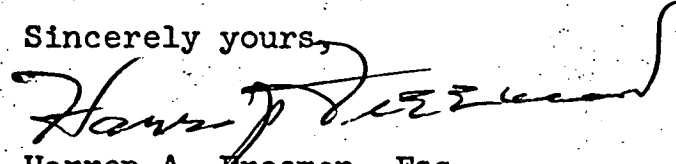
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continuously with copies of all correspondence and documents by any officer, representative or employee of the United States or the Trust Territory of the Pacific dealing with the Micronesian people, the Trusteeship, the future Political status, any claims of any Micronesians or of Micronesia against the United States or Japan.

Sincerely yours,



Harrop A. Freeman, Esq.

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Cc. to:

- President of the United States
- United States Secretary of State
- United States Secretary of Interior
- High Commissioner of Micronesia
- Attorney General of the United States
- President of the United States Senate
- Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
- Interior and Insular Affairs Committee: United States Senate
- Interior Committee: United States House of Representatives
- Foreign Relations Committee: United States Senate
- Secretary General of the United Nations
- Security Council of the United Nations
- Trusteeship Council of the United Nations

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