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September 29, 1969

Professor Harrop A. Freeman
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Dear Professor Freeman:

I am responding to your letter of September 15, 1969 to Secretary Rogers announcing your retention as an attorney by the Congress of Micronesia and expressing certain concerns about United States policy in Micronesia.

You may be sure that we are very much aware of the responsibilities placed upon the United States as the Trustee for Micronesia. In carrying out these responsibilities, the United States is not trying to speak for the Micronesians. Quite the contrary, it is to give them a specific opportunity to speak for themselves -- to have an exchange of views between ourselves and the Micronesian leadership -- that the President invited them to send a delegation to Washington for a frank discussion of a number of problems related to the future of the Territory. We hope and expect that these discussions can take place in a spirit of confidence and that mutually agreeable solutions to these problems can be found.

We shall look forward to working together in the interests of Micronesia and the United States.

Sincerely,

Clearances:

IO:UNR - Mr. Frisbie
L/UNA - Mr. Boyd

Arthur R. Day
Acting Director
Office of United Nations
Political Affairs

cc:
H - Mr. White
U - Mr. Stempel

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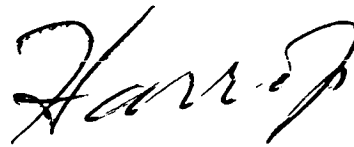
Honorable William Rogers
Secretary of State
State Department
Washington, D.C.

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.

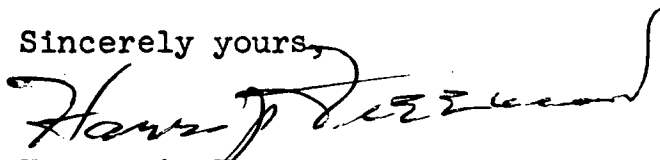
I ask, as attorney for all the persons and groups stated above, that the United States and all of its officers and representatives stop attempting to speak for the Micronesian people, that they act solely and ethically as Trustees, I also ask that I be furnished immediately and

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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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THIRD CONGRESS, 1969

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

S. J. R. NO. 52

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Appointing Professor Harrop A. Freeman of New York to represent, defend and enforce the rights and interests of the people of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the people of Micronesia have often needed legal
2 assistance in the United States to take positive action to present
3 certain grievances, enforce certain claims and follow-up resolutions
4 with the United Nations and the United States Government; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrop A. Freeman, Professor of Law and member
6 of the bars of New York State and of the United States Supreme
7 Court, has had a distinguished career as counsel to the peoples
8 of other lands in situations closely analagous to those in which the
9 people of Micronesia have found themselves, and do now find themselves;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that
12 Professor Freeman's services, as a capable and resolute advocate
13 for the Micronesian people, would be of positive value to Micro-
14 nesia; now, therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micro-
16 nesia, Second Regular Session, 1969, the House of Representatives
17 concurring, that this Congress by means of this Joint Resolution
18 and on behalf of the people of Micronesia does hereby appoint and
19 retain Professor Harrop A. Freeman of New York to represent, defend,
20 and enforce the rights and interests of the people of Micronesia; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate President and the Speaker
22 of the House of Representatives be authorized to execute if necessary
23 any documents, agreements, or arrangements to make the services of
24 the said Professor Harrop A. Freeman legally binding and enforceable,
25 and to draw upon the representation fund of the Congress to pay any

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1 expenditures to or by the said Professor Freeman which may be incurred ;
 2 under the terms of this Joint Resolution; and
 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint
 4 Resolution be transmitted to Professor Harrop A. Freeman, the
 5 President of the Security Council of the United Nations, the
 6 President of the United States, the President of the Senate of the
 7 United States Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 8 of the United States Congress, the United States Secretaries of
 9 Defense, State, and the Interior, and the High Commissioner of the
 10 Trust Territory.

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Date: Dec 8/69

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