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1. The Palau District Legislature, in October, adopted a resolution endorsing the concept of Free Association with the United States as outlined in the Political Status Delegation Report to the Congress of Micronesia this past summer. A copy of the resolution was provided to the reporting officer during a recent visit to Palau and is enclosed under cover of this airgram.

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RESOLUTION No. 70(2)-5

Sixth Regular Session, October, 1970

A RESOLUTION

Endorsing Free Association with the United States of America.

1           WHEREAS, the determination of the future political  
2           status of Micronesia involves a question of the utmost moment;  
3           and

4           WHEREAS, an expression of viewpoint from the district  
5           legislatures as representatives of the people of the districts  
6           is both desirable and necessary to the scheme of democratic  
7           government; and

8           WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature strongly insists that the  
9           four basic principles and legal rights enumerated in the  
10          Report of the Political Status Delegation of the Congress  
11          of Micronesia must be mandatory components of any eventual  
12          political status; and

13          WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature feels that some type of  
14          governmental relationship of a free and voluntary nature with  
15          the United States is in the best interests of the people of  
16          Micronesia; and

17          WHEREAS, the characteristics of Free Association as out-  
18          lined in the Report of the Political Status Delegation most  
19          closely define that relationship which would advance the  
20          development of Micronesia to the fullest while promoting  
21          those democratic institutions which constitute a vital role  
22          in the attainment of self-government; now, therefore,

23          BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Palau Legislature, Sixth  
24          Regular Session, October, 1970, that the Palau Legislature  
25          heroby endorses Free Association with the United States of

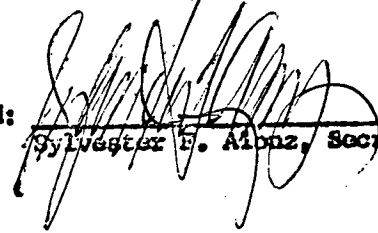
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1 America as outlined in the Report of the Future Political  
2 Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia; and  
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
4 resolution be transmitted to the members of the Future  
5 Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia,  
6 members of the United States Delegation to the political  
7 status negotiations, President of the Senate and Speaker of  
8 the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia,  
9 Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, High Commissioner,  
10 and District Administrator.

Adopted October 4, 1970

  
Itebang Itebang, Speaker

Attested:   
Sylvester E. Alonzo, Secretary