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15. SUMMARY:

Attached is a reproduction of Mariana Islands District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Legislature Resolution No. 53-1971 adopted 19 February 1971. The Resolution appertains to the grievances and the political aspirations of the people of the Mariana Islands District and their intention to secede from the Trusteeship, by force of arms if necessary, with or without the approval of the United Nations.

Comment: With the exception of the Trusteeship Agreement and the common administrative authority, the people of the Mariana Islands District have little in common with the indigenous population of the other TIFI Districts. Prior to 1962 the area was, for the most part, administered separately from other Districts and as a consequence developed a high degree of self management. The Chamorros of the Marianas District are a close kin group ethnically to the Guamanians and they bear little resemblance to other Micronesians. This kinship coupled with a strong desire for economic advancement and modernization has at times placed them in a position of friction and conflict with the other Districts. In comparison, as a result of their encouragement of economic development, the Marianas people have a high standard of living and see their development being retarded through continued association with the TIFI. Local leadership in the past has indicated a desire for close association with Guam and endorse a permanent relationship with the United States for economic and emotional reasons. The resolution expresses the underlying earnestness of the Marianas people for positive action for independence from the TIFI, and a resolution of the District's future political status.

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FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 53-1971
INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO ADVISING THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS WILL SECEDE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS BY FORCE OF ARMS IF NECESSARY, AND WITH OR WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WHEREAS, after the close of the hostilities resulting from World War I the Marianas, Eastern and Western Caroline Islands were given to the Japanese Empire for administration by the League of Nations; and

WHEREAS, contrary to the provisions of the covenants of the League of Nations, the Japanese Empire placed military fortifications throughout the islands, and after the cessation of hostilities resulting from World War II, The Marianas, Eastern and Western Caroline Islands were given to the United States of America for administration by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, in neither instance did either the League of Nations or the United Nations consult the people concerned as to what their desires were regarding these arrangements, rather a unilateral decision was made to control the lives of people whose history go back at least 13,000 years; and

WHEREAS, in each instance, however, the people of the Mariana Islands District, Rota, Tinian, Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, accepted and sought to make the best of their fate; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with appropriate provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, provisions of the International Trusteeship System, and provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Former Japanese Mandated Islands, the people have over the years directed grievances to the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council without any favorable action; and

WHEREAS, the original signatories in San Francisco in 1945 unilaterally and willingly accepted responsibility for the proper administration of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory, and pledged to give the people concerned self-government or independence according to the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District have, over the last twenty (20) years, advised both the administering authority and the Trusteeship Council of its political aspiration, but both have proceeded to ignore these aspirations for reasons of their own; and

WHEREAS, every effort has been made to live and work with the Congress of Micronesia, but it has now become clear that all hope for the people of the Marianas of working harmoniously with the people of the Eastern and Western Caroline Islands is lost; and

WHEREAS, we, the elected representatives of the people of the Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, do not agree that the United Nations have any legal rights over the lives of the people of the Marianas, and wish that all concerned be advised that we will secede from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, by force of arms if necessary, with or without the approval of the United Nations;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations be and they hereby are advised that the Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands will secede from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by force of arms if necessary, and with or without the approval of the United Nations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the Security Council of the United Nations, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of State, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense, and to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 19TH, 1971.

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