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Speaker Henry: Thank you very much, Chief Petrus. We will keep these stones in our museum and they will always serve as a reminder of our great heritage and in our difficult task ahead they will guide us. The Special Session meeting in Truk wishes to give special recognition to one who is now the present High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. At this time I would like to introduce Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

High Commissioner Johnston: Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Mr. Chief Justice, distinguished leaders of the Truk District, Members of Congress, ladies and gentlemen:

"In times of extreme emergency or great crises, the true nature of people is best displayed. We have seen this in the past few days here in the Truk District, and I am sure I join with the members of the Congress in thanking the people of Truk for re-extending their invitation to host the Congress of Micronesia and in assuring them how happy we are to be able to proceed with this historic session -- the first ever held at a location other than Saipan. The fact that we are proceeding with only a two-day delay, despite the damage caused by Typhoon Amy, is a tribute to all of the people of the Truk District.

"While my sympathies are with the people of Truk in the disaster wrought by Typhoon Amy, my strongest feelings are not of sympathy, but of pride and admiration, for the people of this district have, in the past few days, shown a spirit of courage and determination that will serve as a model to all of us. The amount of work they have accomplished is fantastic and encourages all of us to pledge our maximum resources to assist in restoring Truk to normal in the shortest possible space of time. We are attempting to have the Truk District declared a disaster area and are actively seeking assistance from the United States Office of Emergency Preparedness. In fact, we were informed this morning that Mr. Ralph Burns, Regional Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and well-known to many of you, will arrive on Truk Friday to personally survey the typhoon damage.

"The only other area to suffer damage from Typhoon Amy, to our knowledge, was the island of Rota in the Marianas District. This beautiful and fertile island which was well on the way to becoming "the breadbasket of Micronesia," suffered extensive damage to crops and to dock facilities. And although the damage to Rota was not as severe as to the islands of the Truk District -- my most sincere sympathies are with the people of Rota -- for while the citizens of Truk are well and ably represented in this Special Session of the Congress, the people of Rota have no such representation. In fact, it appears at this point that in the interest of Micronesian unity and for the benefit of all Micronesians, that I must ask all of the members here present to collectively represent the many good citizens of the Marianas District whose elected Senators and Representatives have chosen not to join us in the all-important deliberations beginning here today.

"Because I addressed you at some length in January -- just a few short months ago -- my remarks here today will be brief but will touch on several points of great importance to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

"This is my first opportunity to speak to all of you officially and personally concerning the unfortunate act of violence which so

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abruptly terminated the work of the First Regular Session of the Congress. Such acts in defiance of law, order and the public good are deplored by sincere, honest men and women in any society, and I am still hopeful that the individual or individuals responsible will be apprehended and duly punished. Toward this end, I have instructed our Public Safety Division to continue a maximum effort to apprehend the offenders and bring them to justice.

"But arrest and punishment of the guilty will not restore the seat of Congress, and this matter must be seriously considered at this Special Session. During a recent trip through the Eastern Districts of Micronesia, I was made thoroughly aware of the desires of the people of Truk and Ponape to have the permanent capital of Micronesia located in their respective districts. I am also aware of the sincere invitation from the Palau District. It is my understanding that some of the members of this Congress have recently inspected prospective sites and will report their findings to this Special Session.

"May I, at this time, officially pledge the full resources of the Executive Branch to assist you in rebuilding a meeting place for the Congress of Micronesia. As I emphasized in each district in my recent tour and repeat here today, we are all aware of the tremendous cost in time and effort which would be required to locate the Congress and the Trust Territory Headquarters in any area other than Saipan. I further stated and now repeat that the final decision on where and how permanently your new congressional home is built, will be made by this Congress. Our new Public Works Director, Mr. Gordon Bradley, will be present on Truk for the next few days and will be available to discuss rebuilding plans with you at your convenience and request.

"Since the Congress adjourned its regular session, representatives of both the Legislative and Executive Branches have testified in Washington on an "Omnibus Bill" for Micronesia introduced by United States Senator Burdick which would:

1. Provide for long-overdue payment of war damage and post-secure claims to the people of Micronesia;
2. Increase the authorized funding for the Economic Development Loan Fund to five million dollars;
3. Provide for free entry of Trust Territory citizens to the United States;
4. Reduce tariff restrictions on Trust Territory products entering the United States; and
5. Allow Micronesian citizens to volunteer for service in the United States Armed Forces.

"I am pleased to report that we were notified just yesterday that this bill -- with only some amendments to the tariff section -- has been passed by the United States Senate and forwarded to the United States House of Representatives for action. We will continue to vigorously push for passage of this bill by the House of Representatives in this session of the U.S. Congress and ask your continued assistance in this effort.

"Also since you last met, President Nixon has appointed Dr. Franklin Haydn Williams with the personal rank of Ambassador to serve as his representative in the negotiations regarding the future political status of Micronesia. Those who have met Ambassador Williams are most favorably impressed, and we look forward to continued negotiations between the Micronesian Political Status Delegation and the United States Government on the status question.

"During our recent trip through the Ponape, Truk and Marshalls Districts, Mr. Strik Yoma and I accompanied Rear Admiral Pugh, Captain Kodis, and LCDR Frazier in an inspection of the work of the Civic Action Teams in the Eastern Districts. Although some improved coordination is needed in Kusaie and the Marshalls to fully utilize the potential of these two teams, in general the teams have been outstandingly successful in both the construction and training phases of their mission and are to be highly commended. We have many requests for additional teams, and although we have no firm commitment from the Department of Defense and the Commander in Chief Pacific, this Special Session might well consider whether the Civic Action program could be profitably expanded throughout our six districts.

"You are well aware of the pledge and the firm resolve of this Administration that major decisions affecting the present and future welfare of Micronesia shall be made in the Trust Territory by Micronesians. An area of great present concern to all of us is the still perplexing problem of the Trust Territory Merit System and its associated pay schedules. I am particularly hopeful that out of this Special Session will come a decision of the Congress which the Executive Branch can convey to Washington as the firm official stand of the entire Trust Territory Government, and I earnestly solicit your continued cooperation toward this end.

"As for other areas of specific legislation -- in the interests of time, I feel I need not repeat the statements contained in the State of the Territory message delivered to you in January. However, I must mention in passing that based on the unanimous recommendation of our six District Administrators in consultation with their district legislatures, the Executive Branch will seek from this Special Session some minor amendments to Public Law 4C-2 which has established the Trust Territory's first income tax. We urge you to give most serious consideration to these amendments.

"Today -- as you know -- begins the third year of my tenure as your Chief Executive. The past two years have gone rapidly and have certainly been busy ones for all of us. Together we have accomplished much -- but we are nevertheless aware that we have still barely scratched the surface in solving the myriad problems of this vast area known as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

"I have enjoyed the challenges of the past two years and look forward with great anticipation to the even greater challenges still before us. I have been to many islands and villages never before visited by any of my worthy predecessors and have met with many wonderful people in all six districts. Today, after two full years in Micronesia, I am more convinced than ever that if we continue to work together as men and women of determination and good faith -- Micronesia can indeed begin to realize her full potential.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the privilege of addressing this historic session of the Congress of Micronesia. I again thank the people of

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Truk for their spirit and their hospitality, and I wish you well in your deliberations during these next 18 days.

"Thank you."

Speaker Henry: Thank you, Mr. High Commissioner. I also wish to thank everyone present for being here. The joint session is hereby adjourned sine die.

The joint session of the Fourth Special Session, Congress of Micronesia, May 1971, adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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