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 De Palma to Senate Clerk letter re Comite of 24 (unessential
 words omitted.)

~~MAX~~ Quote Dear Mr. Ulechong: Regret we be unable agree
 to visit of Comite of 24 to TT and we are so informing
 Comite. It is our understanding that officials of TTG
 conveyed this position to members of Senate prior to
 adoption of this resolution. We ~~WHX~~ would, however,
 like set forth for record our reasons for this position.

Quote Principal basis for our decision is that
 TT is not within jurisdiction of Comite. Article 1 of
 TA designates TTPI "strategic area" as provided for in
 Article 82 of UN Charter, and Charter clearly states which

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UN organs are to be concerned with such ~~xxx~~ areas.

Article 83 provides all functions of UN relating to strategic areas shall be exercised by SC, which in turn shall avail itself of assistance of TC. SC has requested and received assistance from TC in case of TTPI.

Quote Comite of 24, on other hand, is subsidiary body of GA and is specifically given responsibilities for NSGT's and TT's established by agreement with GA.

Of latter, only New Guinea remains. As SC and TC rather than GA are clearly responsible for TTPI, Comite of 24 lacks jurisdiction undertake requested mission to that Territory.

Quote We believe that TC has been carrying out its responsibilities diligently and in best interests of people of Territory. In addition to its annual sessions,

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Council has regularly sent VM's to Micronesia-- most recently only last year. Both Council and its missions actively concern themselves with subject matter of Senate Resolution No. 5--present and future self-government of Territory. In doing so, Council has utilized considerable expertise which it has gathered during its existence, including particular knowledge of Pacific problems gained in exercise of its responsibilities, past and present, relative to Western Samoa, Nauru and New Guinea, as well as Micronesia.

Quote We fully expect Council to continue fulfill its responsibilities and to manifest increasing interest, in view developments, in problems of self-government and future of Micronesia. In this

connection, Council will be sending another VM to

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Micronesia early 1973. We would note that it is within prerogatives of Council to determine composition of its VMs and that, at its discretion, it can decide invite non-member states to submit nominations for missions. Any Council decision in this regard will presumably be made prior to 1973 VM to Micronesia.

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~~Micronesia~~

Quote On other hand, record of Comite of 24 has been criticized by duly elected representative bodies in some of these territories, whose interests were allegedly to benefit by Comite's attention. I am sure you are aware Guam legislature has expressed such criticism. It is, therefore, our belief not only that Comite could not validly encroach on SC and TC responsibilities for Micronesia, but also that record of Comite gives us reason believe any such involvement be of questionable benefit to ~~Micronesia~~ Micronesia.

Quote In view these considerations, US intends inform Comite of 24 that it will be unable to allow visit from Comite to Micronesia. US will, of course, continue fulfill its responsibilities and obligations

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K as AA both in immediate sense of cooperating with TC and in broader sense of working with people of Micronesia so that they may achieve their right of self-determination. Unquote.

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