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Honorable Franklin Hayden Williams  
President's Personal Representative  
of Micronesian Status Negotiations

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

During the past several weeks, the people of the Mariana Islands District have closely watched the progress of the recently concluded Micronesian Political Status Negotiations in Koror, Palau, between your delegation and the Joint Committee on Future Status, and were extremely pleased to learn that our representatives to the Status Talks, Senator Edward D.G. Pangolinan and Representative Herman Q. Guerrero, officially submitted to your delegation a Statement of Position of the Mariana Islands District.

In the event that there is any doubt that this Statement of Position is supported by the people of the Mariana Islands District, we, the elected leaders and officials of our district, want the record to show that this Statement of Position is fully supported and endorsed by us and by the people whom we represent.

In the several meetings held with representatives of villagos, municipalities, and district, support of the Statement of Position was unanimously reaffirmed, as it was in the plebiscites that were held in 1961, 1963, and 1969. So you can see that the desire of the people of the Mariana Islands District, to become a permanent part of the United States of America is fundamental and has existed over a number of years.

Our exposure to American democracy spans over a quarter of a century, since the United States assumed administrative responsibilities of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands at the conclusion of World War

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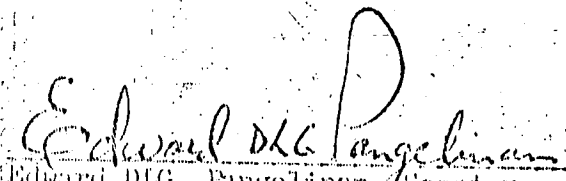
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During this time, we have grown to appreciate and cherish the ideals of democracy and want to join the American political family.

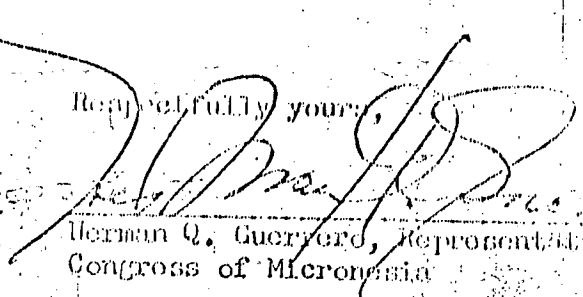
We pledge to you and your government our loyalty and dedication to the principles for which America stands, and further, we stand ready to accept the responsibilities of the freedom that the United States of America guarantees and defends.

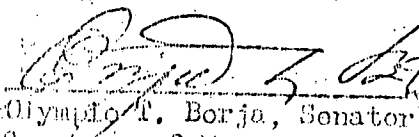
It is, therefore, our firm and immediate intention to forge ahead in creating a political status commission which will represent the people of the Marianas in matters regarding a change of status. When those arrangements are completed, we would like to open formal discussions with your government at the earliest opportunity for the purpose of effecting a close political union with the United States of America.

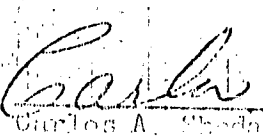
In closing, we wish again to express to your government our deep and sincere gratitude for your kind understanding of our political aspirations, and wish you to know that we stand ready to do all that is necessary or desirable to assist in expediting the creation of a close and enduring relationship between the people of the Marianas and the United States of America.

  
Edward D.G. Rangelinan, Senator  
Congress of Micronesia

Respectfully yours,

  
Herman Q. Gueryero, Representative  
Congress of Micronesia

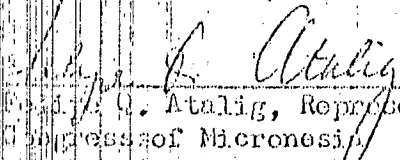
  
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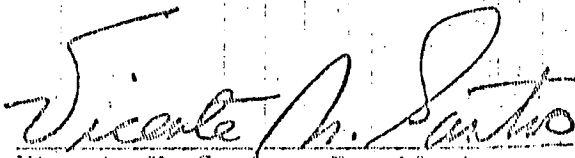
  
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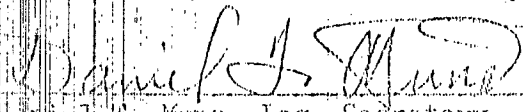
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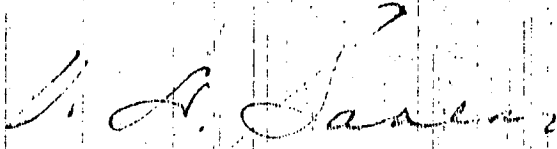
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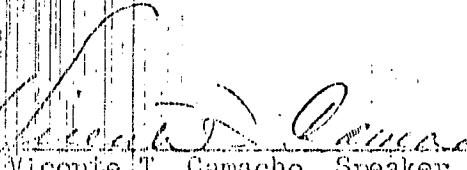
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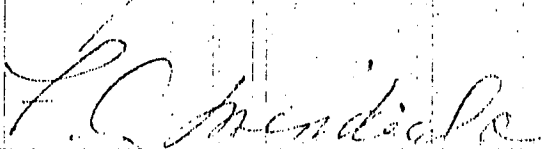
  
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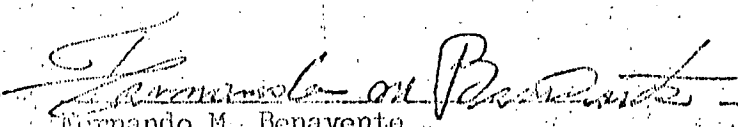
  
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