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Recent actions are taken designed to ecnourage the Micronesian people along the path to self-government, it will suffice merely to emphasize again the afr reaching and historic implications of the decision regarding land taken in the past two weeks by both sides.

In essence after an interminable period of waiting stretchingf back over the years, indeed, the centuries, Micronesians now have the opportunity and responsibility to control in accordance with their own laws and customs, the most jprecious commodity in all of Micronesia--land. If self-government can be defined as the individuals right to make decisions on those lmatters which concern him most directly and have greatest salience for his safety, transferring to the Micronesian people control over their public land must be considered as nothing less than an enormous step in the didrection of self-government.