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Enclosed is a copy of a note from the Officer-in-Charge, Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization at the UN, dated August 14, 1972, transmitting the conclusions and recommendations of the above-mentioned Special Committee, concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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Sir,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I have the honour to
..... transmit herewith, for the attention of your Government, the
conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Special Committee
on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Decla-
ration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and
Peoples at its 880th meeting, on 11 August 1972, concerning the
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

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(7) The Special Committee shares the concern expressed by members of the Congress of Micronesia that localization of the public service is not proceeding rapidly enough. It hopes that the Administering Authority will accelerate the process of localization and will provide the Committee with additional detailed information on this subject.

(8) Regarding the economic development of the Territory, the Special Committee notes from the information made available to it that the value of commodities exported during the period under review decreased whereas the value of imports continued to rise. Furthermore, the Special Committee considers that the increasing dependence of the economy of the Territory on grants from the Congress of the United States is detrimental to its future development.

(9) Mindful that education is essential at the current stage of political advancement of the Territory, the Special Committee notes certain positive steps in the field of primary and secondary education. It nevertheless regrets that no information has been given concerning the availability of higher and vocational education.

(10) Bearing in mind the invitation which was extended to it in 1971 by the Senate of Micronesia to visit the Trust Territory, the Special Committee notes with regret the persistent refusal of the Administering Authority to agree to such a visit. It again stresses the importance it attaches to the utility of such missions, aware that only through direct contact can the true attitude, aspirations and wishes of the people be ascertained.

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Conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Special Committee
at its 880th meeting, on 11 August 1972

- (1) The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to self-determination in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960.
- (2) Fully aware of the special circumstances of geographical location and economic conditions that exist in regard to the Territory, the Special Committee reiterates its view that the question of size, isolation and limited resources should in no way delay the speedy implementation of the Declaration in this Territory.
- (3) The Special Committee once again reiterates its serious concern at the absence of a representative of the Administering Authority during its consideration of the Territory. In this regard, the Special Committee urges the Government of the United States of America to comply with the repeated requests of the Committee that a representative be present to co-operate with it in providing vital information which would thereby assist the Committee in the formulation of conclusions and recommendations concerning the future of the Territory.
- (4) The Special Committee regrets that no substantial progress has been made in the constitutional and political development of the Territory. It notes with concern that Secretarial Order No. 2918, although amended in the past, continues to limit the power of the Congress of Micronesia. In this connexion, the Special Committee fully supports the resolution recently adopted by the Congress and urges the Administering Authority to amend the above-mentioned secretarial order to require that the Congress of Micronesia be included in the process of selecting the High Commissioner, the Chief Justice and associate justices of the Trust Territory. The Committee considers participation in that selection process as essential to the development of self-government.
- (5) The Special Committee urges the Administering Authority not to pursue any policy which would have the effect of maintaining the Territory permanently dependent upon the United States. In this connexion, it again recommends that the Administering Authority should not in any way prejudice the future political status of the Trust Territory or impose any particular solution on the Micronesian people and that it should co-operate with the Joint Political Status Committee of the Congress of Micronesia in an effort to produce an agreed time-table for self-determination in accordance with resolution 1514 (XV).
- (6) Bearing in mind the importance of political education, the Special Committee stresses the need of the Trust Territory for a comprehensive programme of political education so as to engender amongst the people concerned a sense of political consciousness with regard to their present and future political status. In this connexion, the Special Committee requests the Administering Authority to pay special attention to the necessity of upgrading and increasing the political educational programme, particularly in view of the fact that the Congress of Micronesia has been invited to set up a joint committee with the executive branch to develop a new programme for the Territory.

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