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The Honorable Bethwel Henry  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Fourth Congress of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 1972  
Kolonias, Ponape Islands 96941

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We are writing to you with respect to the proposed Draft Compact of Free Association submitted by the Joint Committee on Future Status for consideration by the Congress during this Special Session.

Whether or not the Congress will take any formal action on the proposed Compact of Association is a matter for the entire Congress to decide; however, as individual members, we wish to state our position regarding the Compact so that the chiefs and people of Micronesia and the future generations will know where we stood at the time when the Congress was asked to "accept and approve" the Draft Compact of Free Association with the United States.

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We wish to state our position as follows:

1. Any association between Micronesia and the United States Government must be sealed by a treaty and not a compact.
2. Micronesia must be an independent political state, even for a few minutes, and before entering into a Treaty of Association with the United States.
3. Micronesia must have a Constitution which will be the supreme law of Micronesia and which will not be subservient to the Treaty of Association.
4. Micronesia must have full internal sovereignty over its own internal affairs.
5. Micronesia must retain full external sovereignty but can

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delegate, at the beginning of the association and later through agreements, certain responsibilities for foreign affairs to the United States.

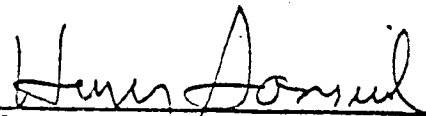
- 6. Micronesia must not relinquish the ultimate control over the United States military activities in Micronesia and the Congress must obtain prior consent of the districts involved before committing their lands and waters.

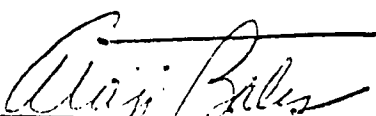
Our position is not being stated for the first time and we ask that the Joint Committee on Future Status will consider it seriously in its negotiations with the United States. We state again that we will not support any association with the United States if such an association will not protect the inalienable rights of our people.


We hope that when the Congress of Micronesia meets again to consider the proposed association with the United States, it will have in front of it a complete, clear proposition.

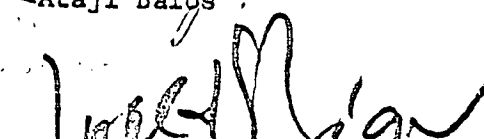
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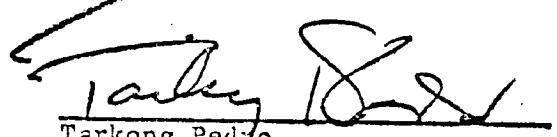
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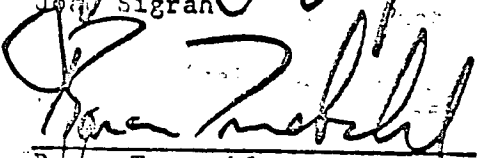
  
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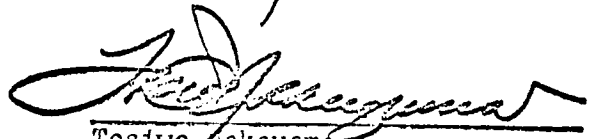
  
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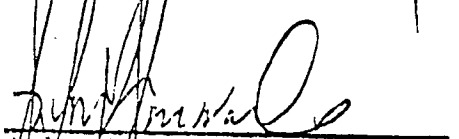
  
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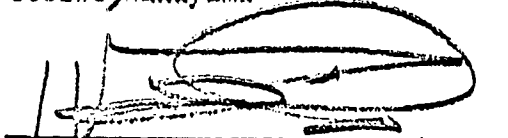
  
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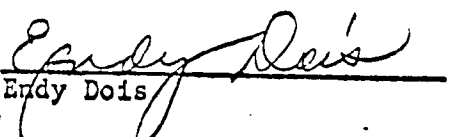
  
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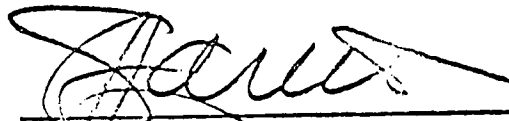
  
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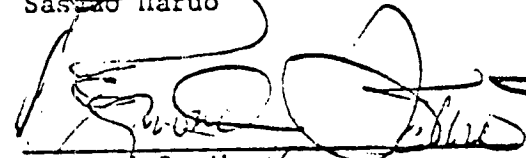
  
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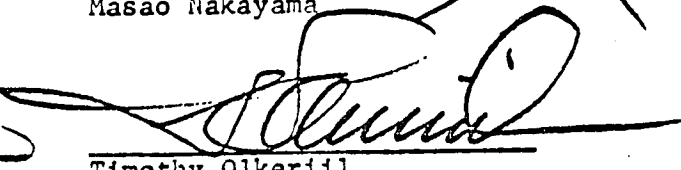
  
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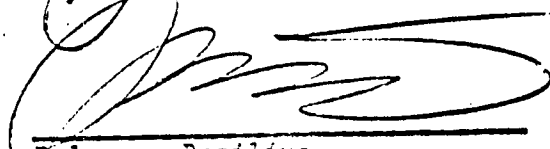
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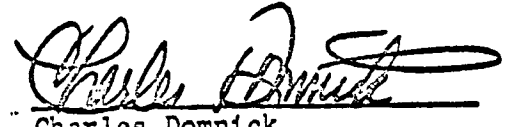
  
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