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TINIAN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
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A PETITION

In keeping with the letter and spirit of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System, we, the people of Tinian agreed to make available land on Tinian to the administering authority for its armed forces needed to "maintain international peace and security".

Unfortunately, our expressed willingness to accomodate the needs of the administering authority militarily has been misinterpreted by representatives of the administering authority as our being willing to agree to unrestricted and uncontrolled use of Tinian.

While it is recognized that the administering authority has certain "legal rights", it should also be noted that it too has a moral obligation to give due consideration to the wishes of the people concerned.

We welcome the development of a combined military complex in an area separated from civilian centers as it would minimize interference with civilian activities and community life. We feel, however, that vast land holdings on Tinian would eliminate, for all practical purposes all civilian life on the island. Even the noise level of the military operations, as we have seen and experienced, would disrupt rather than preserve our way of life.

Because of all of the misstatements and misrepresentations that have been made, we have requested that this petition be prepared for us so that all parties concerned will have a clear

idea as to what our position is on the use of Tinian by the administering authority for military activities.

We welcome the military forces of the administering authority to come and develop a military complex on Tinian only under the following terms and conditions:

1. Existing military retention lands approximately 9,000 acres, on Tinian should be adequate to develop the proposed combined military complex. If justified, perhaps an additional 2,000 to 3,000 acres adjacent to the existing area could be made available, but no more.
2. The existing San Jose Village would not be moved under any circumstances.
3. The existing harbor would remain under civilian control, but could be used jointly.
4. If an ammunition dock is need or desired, then a new dock should be constructed in the Unai Babui or Chulu (Marine beach) area on the Northwestern shore of Tinian.
5. That the civilian government remain in the hands of the people without any restrictions on the growth and development activities within the civilian community.
6. That the civilian community be accorded free use of and access to west field (present airfield) to board scheduled approved commercial aircraft.
7. That the current on-going homestead program be continued without interruption.

These are our views, wishes and desires, and it is hoped that they will be useful in the discharge of your responsibi-





