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FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
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August 10, 1973

Mr. William Amsbary
District Attorney
Mariana Islands District
Saipan, M.I. 96950

Dear Mr. Amsbary:

This is to advise you that the Economic Committee has pending before it Resolution No. 1-1973:

A resolution relative to opposing the unilateral declaration of a moratorium on the development and the full utilization of Tinian by its inhabitants.

You or your representative are invited to attend a public hearing on the above measure at the District Legislature on Tuesday, August 14, 1973, at 7 p.m. in the evening, and present your views on this measure.

I have enclosed a copy of this measure for your use.

Sincerely yours,

I. T. Dela Cruz
Ignacio T. Dela Cruz
Chairman

by J. Blum

Enclosure.

Mike:
Would you like to attend this session and present our / your views?

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4TH. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 1-1973

INTRODUCED BY: HON. HERMAN M. MANGLONA, TINIAN
HON. VICENTE N. SANTOS, SAIPAN

1. A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO OPPOSING THE UNILATERAL
2. DECLARATION OF A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT
3. AND THE FULL UTILIZATION OF TINIAN BY ITS
4. INHABITANTS

5. WHEREAS, according to the information received by the people of Tinian,
6. officials in Washington, D. C. have instructed the Trust Territory Government
7. to cease issuing homestead permits to the inhabitants of Tinian and to stop
8. the leasing of public land to non-Micronesian companies to establish business
9. enterprises on Tinian; and

10. WHEREAS, the announced moratorium on the issuance of homesteads and to
11. cease leasing public land for development was made while negotiations between
12. the United States Government and the Marianas Political Status Commission are
13. continuing, but without any notice to or consultation with members of the
14. Marianas Political Status Commission or this Legislature; and

15. WHEREAS, we consider this unilateral moratorium to be a breach of good
16. faith and the spirit of cooperation that existed between the status
17. negotiations for the United States and the Mariana Islands District; and

18. WHEREAS, while we can understand and appreciate the concern of the
19. United States Government in not wanting to unduly increase land acquisition
20. costs in the event that final agreement is reached on the development of
21. Tinian Island into a military base, the resulting disadvantages to the
22. inhabitants of Tinian would be determined; and

1. WHEREAS, at this point in time, it is not at all certain that an
2. agreement on the use of Tinian will be reached, in the event that the
3. United States should cancel the plans to put a base on Tinian, irreparable
4. damage will result to the inhabitants who have been forced to rely on the
5. military base will have lost all of the potential opportunities to develop
6. their island; and

7. WHEREAS, due process, the foundation of American Democracy, is being
8. blatantly and flagrantly denied the people of Tinian, who have an inherent
9. right to have their opinions on what will or will not be done on their
10. island;

11. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 4th Mariana Islands District
12. Legislature that our opposition to the unilateral declaration of a
13. moratorium on the development and the full utilization of Tinian by its
14. inhabitants be and hereby is expressed;

15. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the
16. Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit
17. copies of the same to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the
18. Department of Defense, Secretary of the Department of State, Chairman,
19. Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Chairman, House Interior and
20. Insular Affairs Committee, Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, to the
21. President of the United States of America, the Marianas Political Status
22. Commission, and the Marianas Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia.

PASSED BY THE 4TH. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AUGUST _____, 1973.

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