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PETITION FROM MR. FELIPE ATALIG, REPRESENTATIVE, CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS

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31 July 1973

The President
Trusteeship Council
The United Nations
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the people of Tinian, I hereby request a special session of the United Nations Trusteeship Council for the purpose of reporting to the Council certain recent actions of the Administering Authority which would have serious effects for the people of Tinian.

As the Council may know, the United States Government, in its recent negotiations with the Mariana Political Status Commission, requested the entire island of Tinian for a military facility. According to this plan, the existing village of San Jose was to be taken over completely, and the population moved across the island on land which would be leased back to the people from the military.

Since the date of those negotiations, we have been visited frequently by representatives of the military, who have come to plan what they will do with our island before they have even ascertained the wishes of the people regarding the use of Tinian as a military base.

And recently, almost three months after the action was taken, we have learned that the High Commissioner has been ordered by the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations and the Department of Defense effectively to halt all economic development on Tinian. Effective 8 May, the High Commissioner has been ordered not to issue any more permits for homesteads on public lands, not to grant any more applications for lease of public lands or lease of private lands to

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