

negotiating the Trusteeship Agreement: 1/

My Government feels that it has a duty towards the peoples of the trust territory to govern them with no less consideration than it would govern any part of its sovereign territory. It feels that the laws, customs and institutions of the United States form a basis for the administration of the trust territory compatible with the spirit of the Charter. For administrative, legislative and jurisdictional convenience in carrying out its duty towards the peoples of the trust territory, the United States intends to treat the trust territory as if it were an integral part of the United States.

For all these reasons, we believe the corporation would be protected against interference by the United States under the due process clause.

Moreover, the due process clause and the contract clause of the Constitution are repeated verbatim in Sections 4 and 5 of the Bill of Rights of the Trust Territory. 2/ The Congress of Micronesia is specifically forbidden from adopting legislation inconsistent with these provisions. 3/ We believe these provisions

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1/ Statement of the United States Representative upon agreeing to the deletion of the phrase "as an integral part of the United States" from the description of powers of the administering authority, U.N. Security Council Off. Rec., 116th Meeting, March 7, 1947, p. 473, quoted in 1 White-man, Digest of International Law at 778 (Released June, 1963).

2/ 1 T.T.C. §§ 4, 5.

3/ Department of the Interior Order No. 2918, § 2(d), 24 Fed. Reg. 158 (1969).