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Office of the Secretary
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Defense
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a certified copy of Resolution No. 24-17-1974, entitled "A resolution requesting the United States Department of Defense to return all military retention lands within the Marianas District which are not presently in use to the people of the Marianas", duly and regularly adopted by the Twenty-Fourth Saipan Municipal Council on the 29th. day March, 1974.

Your cooperation with this resolution is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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A RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Department of Defense to return all military retention lands within the Marianas District which are not presently in use to the people of the Marianas.

1. WHEREAS, the United States, as Administering Authority of the Trust
2. Territory of the Pacific Islands, is obligated by the terms of the Trusteeship
3. Agreement to provide for the economic development of the Trust Territory, and to
4. protect the people of Micronesia from the loss of their lands; and
5. WHEREAS, despite these obligations, the United States has appropriated
6. large portions of the lands of Micronesia for its own use, and has retained the
7. same as "military retention lands", most of which lands are not now and are not
8. planned to be in use for the purposes for which they were leased; and
9. WHEREAS, the continued existence of the said lease agreements prevents the
10. people of the Marianas from the full utilization of their lands, and from
11. achieving the economic development which they so desire which results therefrom;
12. and
13. WHEREAS, in the course of the Micronesian Status Negotiations, the United
14. States has announced that it proposes the use of only a limited portion of the
15. lands of Micronesia for military use purposes; and
16. WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Council that all the lands within the
17. Marianas not presently in use ought to be returned to the people at once; now,
18. therefore,
19. BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Saipan Municipal Council, Fourth
20. Regular Session, 1974, that the United States Department of Defense is hereby
21. respectfully urged and requested to return all military retention lands which
22. are not presently in use to the people of the Marianas, by the abrogation of all
23. lease agreements and leases concerning the same; and
24. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be trans-
25. mitted to the President of the United States; to the Secretary of Defense; to