THE SENATE

CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FIFTH CONGRESS SECOND REGULAR SESSION 1974

Port Think

PRESIDENT

Tosiwo Nakayama

August 26 , 1974

The Honorable James R. Schlesinger Secretary of Defense U.S. Dept. of Defense Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

FLOOR LEADER Ambilos lehsi

VICE PRESIDENT

Lazarus E. Salii

YAP DISTRICT Petrus Tun John A. Mangefel I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate

Joint Resolution No. 131 , which was

adopted by the Senate of the Fifth Congress of

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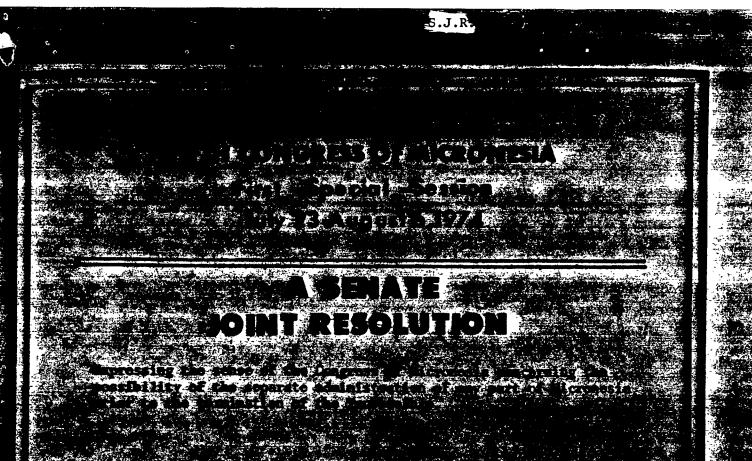
Micronesia, First Special Session, 1974. Respectfully F. Sabo Discoong

Clerk of the Senate

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Congress of Micronesia

THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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present.

MARIANA ISLANDS

S.J.R. No.

We hereby certify that the following Joint Resolution

was adopted in the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia,

Fifth Congress, First Special Session, 1974, by a majority vote of the members of the Senate present, a quorum being

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TRUK DISTRICT Endy Dois Sasauo Haruo Masao Nakayama Ray Setik Machime O'Sonis

YAP DISTRICT Luke M. Tman John Rugulimar President of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

We hereby certify that the following Joint Resolution was adopted in the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia, Fifth Congress, First Special Session, 1974, by a majority vote of the members of the House present, a quorum being present.

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House of Representatives

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FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1974

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress of Micronesia concerning the possibility of the separate administration of any part of Micronesia prior to the termination of the Trusteeship.

WHEREAS, on July 18, 1974, the United Nations and the United States
of America entered into a Trusteeship Agreement for the Former Japanese
Mandated Islands, pursuant to which the islands of Micronesia were united
as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

5 WHEREAS, under and pursuant to Article 6 (1) of the said Trusteeship 6 Agreement, the United States of America, as Administering Authority for 7 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, obligated itself to "promote 8 the development of the inhabitants of the trust territory toward self-9 government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular 10 circumstances of the trust territory and its peoples and the freely 11 expressed wishes of the peoples concerned"; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the United States of America, through the Secretary of the Interior, established the Congress of Micronesia, and Department of the Interior Order No. 2918, as amended, presently provides that "The legislative power of the Congress of Micronesia shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation"; and

WHEREAS, since 1969, the Congress of Micronesia, through the Joint
Committee on Future Status and its predecessors, has been engaged in
negotiations with the United States of America toward the termination of
the Trusteeship Agreement and the establishment of a new political status
for Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Congress of Micronesia, in 1972, reiterated the

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1 mandate of the Joint Committee to "continue negotiations with the United 2 States toward the termination of the Trusteeship of the Trust Territory of 3 the Pacific Islands, and to conduct such negotiations in an effort to 4 arrive at a tentative agreement which, in its judgment, is best suited 5 to the needs, interests, and aspirations of the people of Micronesia"; and 6 WHEREAS, the Fifth Congress of Micronesia adopted Senate Joint 7 Resolution No. 38, which declared the sense of the Congress of Micronesia 8 that "the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is one single and 9 indivisible political unit, and the Trusteeship may not be terminated or 10 modified as to one part thereof while another part or parts thereof 11 remain under such Trusteeship", and declared further that "the Congress 12 of Micronesia, through the Joint Committee on Future Status, is the sole 13 authority in the Trust Territory which is legally authorized and em-14 powered to conduct negotiations with regard to the Trust Territory, 15 including all parts thereof, and that the Congress has the sole respon-16 sibility to negotiate on behalf of and provide for the future political 17 status of the entire Trust Territory"; and 18 WHEREAS, by virtue of its mandate and the direction given to it by 19 the Congress of Micronesia, the Joint Committee on Future Status has 20 rightfully taken the position that its obligation to negotiate on behalf 21 of the Trust Territory as a whole obligates it to negotiate on behalf of 22 each of the several districts of the Trust Territory, which it has done; and 23 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia is informed that the United States of America is considering the possibility of the separate 10-43119724

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1	to the termination of the Trusteeship, regardless of whether or not the
2	Congress of Micronesia, as the supreme legislative body in and for
3	Micronesia, has granted its assent to the dismembering of the Territory
4	in such a manner, and regardless of whether or not the people of the
5	district concerned have had the opportunity to participate in a
6	plebiscite and referendum as to the political future of Micronesia and
7	the structure of its Government; and
8	WHEREAS, in its actions in this report, the United States has
9	amply demonstrated the contempt in which it holds the recommendations
10	of the United Nations Trusteeship Council and its 1973 Visiting
11	Mission; the primacy of its own selfish interests over those of Micronesia
12	which it has sworn to uphold and protect; and the complete and utter
13	disregard which it has for the wishes of the people of Micronesia, as
14	expressed through their lawful representatives in Congress assembled;
15	now therefore,
16	BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, Fifth Congress of Micronesia, First
17	Special Session, 1974, the House of Representatives concurring, that
18	it is the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that the separate
19	administration of any part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
20	without the opportunity having been given to the inhabitants thereof
21	to vote in the plebiscite and referendum as to the future political
22	status and form of government of Micronesia, constitutes a violation
23	of the obligations of the Administering Authority under the Charter
24	of the United Nations and under the Trusteeship Agreement, and a
25	breach of its solemn obligations to the people of all of Micronesia; and

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1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress hereby states in the
2	strongest possible terms, its unequivocal and total opposition to and
3	condemnation of such separation prior to the holding, throughout all
4	parts of the Trust Territory, of a plebiscite on the future political
5	status of Micronesia and of a referendum as to the form of its future
6	Government; and
7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution
8	be transmitted to the Secretary-General, the President of the General
9	Assembly, the President of the Trusteeship Council, and the President
10	of the Security Council of the United Nations; to the President of
11	the United States and to his Personal Representative for Micronesian
12	Status Negotiations; to the Secretaries of State, the Interior, and
13	Defense; to the Chairmen of the Senate Committees on Interior and
14	Insular Affairs and Foreign Relations; to the Chairmen of the House
15	of Representatives Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and
16	Foreign Affairs; to the High Commissioner; and to the Chairman of the
17	Joint Committee on Future Status.
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19	adopted: August 8, 1974
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