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The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
United States Ambassador
The White House
Room 361, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20506

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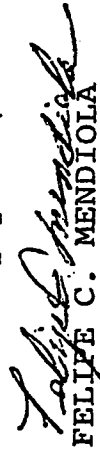
Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I received your undated letter regarding U. S. Navy surveyors "visiting" Tinian for the purpose of surveying the proposed military base.

Surely, you must know that I am a member of the Tinian Committee for Justice, being the first Tinian resident to sign the Tinian Proclamation of May 19, 1974, which you unceremoniously rejected when presented to you by the people of Tinian. For your information, in the very recent election, I campaigned and won on the issue raised in the Tinian Proclamation, that is, that the military take no more than one-third (1/3) of our Island for war purposes--an extremely generous offer, considering the attitude of the officials representing the most powerful and wealthiest nation. Also, the newly-elected Speaker of the Tinian Municipal Council, Mr. Sylvestre T. Cruz, was one of the founders of the Tinian Committee for Justice.

Thus, so long as the United States military machine insists on taking over two-thirds (2/3) of our Island, for a military base, you and your surveyors are not at all welcome on the Island of Tinian. Be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,


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