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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
THIRTEENTH TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TINIAN, MARIANA ISLANDS

Resolution No. 26-1974

Introduced by: Committee of the Whole

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST
THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE
HONORABLE J. BENNETT JOHNSTON, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATOR,
FOR THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, the Mariana Islands District is presently negotiating with the United States of America to determine its future political status;

WHEREAS, one of the subjects of negotiation is the land to be made available to the United States Military in the Mariana Islands District;

WHEREAS, the United States Military has indicated its desire to acquire two-thirds (2/3) of the island of Tinian in the Mariana Islands District for a joint service military complex;

WHEREAS, the Tinian Municipal Council, as the elected representatives of the people of Tinian, opposes this acquisition by the United States Military, and has adopted the following position with respect to United States Military

involvement on the island of Tinian:

(a) In order to preserve and protect the island of Tinian for the people of Tinian and to ensure an adequate amount of land for future generations, military land acquisition must be limited to no more than the northern one-third (1/3) of the island of Tinian;

(b) The military must not be permitted to purchase land on Tinian, but may only lease land on terms which are fair to the people of Tinian;

(c) The moratorium on the homesteading of "public" land on Tinian which was unilaterally imposed on the people of Tinian against their will by the Trust Territory Government is completely unacceptable to the people and in violation of Article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement. This moratorium must immediately be terminated and homestead permits granted to all eligible applicants;

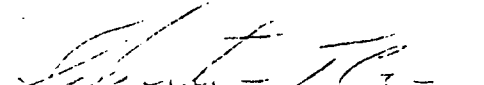
WHEREAS, the United States Political Status Delegation has consistently refused to respect the position of the people of Tinian concerning military land acquisition on the island of Tinian;

WHEREAS, the people of Tinian are in great need of support and assistance in their position with respect to United States Military involvement on the island of Tinian;

WHEREAS, the Tinian Municipal Council is aware of the interest and concern of the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Jr. for the welfare and well-being of the people of Micronesia;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tinian Municipal Council hereby requests the support and assistance of the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Jr. with regard to the position of the people of Tinian concerning United States Military involvement on the island of Tinian, so that the people of Tinian and all their succeeding generations may be protected in their land, resources, and culture.

Passed and adopted this 25 day of September,
1974.


Sylvestre T. Curz
Speaker
Tinian Municipal Council

ATTEST: 
Henry V. Hofschneider
Legislative Secretary