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Enclosed is the full text of an article entitled "U.S. Land Grab Goes Unnoticed by Americans" from the Micronesian Independent of October 29, 1976, published in Majuro (Marshall Islands District). The author is Roger Gale; the article is "copyright Pacific News Service," an organization unknown to this office.

Roger Gale is a full-time employee of the "Friends of Micronesia," a Berkeley-based organization apparently (judging from its bulletin of the same name) devoted primarily to criticism of U.S. Government activities affecting Micronesia. The article, however, makes no mention of the Friends of Micronesia.

The article contains several outright errors or made-up "facts"; it contains a number of irrelevancies; and it fails to cite the occasions on which the various quotations cited were made. It appears to be a round in the campaign which Gale, in an interview on Guam in August, promised to wage against the proposed construction of a U.S. military base on Tinian.

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First, I wish to thank Vice-President Salif, who has just left, for his help and advice and for the burden he has shared in the work of the Senate, and, second, I want to commend our Floor Leader, Senator Iohai, for a job well done over the past two years; third, my gratitude to our Senate Clerk and his staff for their fine efforts in keeping the Senate Office operating at a high level of efficiency. I also want to thank the Office of the Legislative Counsel and the many temporary staff members who have helped carry out our work.

We also must express our appreciation to the High Commissioner for extending this session to allow our work to be completed, and to his staff for their assistance.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Senators for their hard work and their concern and interest which has resulted in this Special Session and in the Fifth Congress being extremely productive and accomplishing much work which is of importance to all of our people.

May I wish all of you who are up for reelection the best of success in November, and I hope to join with all of you next January to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Congress of Micronesia at the convening of the First Regular Session of the Sixth Congress.

Thank you.

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