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Mr. Tom Dunmire
1329 Longworth House
Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Tom:

To follow up our telephone conversation of yesterday I am sending you herewith copies of the following communications from elected leaders of Tinian which, as you will note, support the United States land requirements on Tinian.

1. Copy of resolution No. 31 of The Tinian Municipal Council, December 11, 1974.
2. Copy of a letter to Ambassador Williams from The Speaker of The Tinian Municipal Council and the Tinian Member of the Marianas District Legislature, November 13, 1974.

I would call special attention to the first enclosure which states that "the elected leaders of Tinian hereby unanimously endorse the United States land requirements on Tinian".

Sincerely yours,

/s/
Mary Vance Trent
Acting Director
Office for Micronesian
Status Negotiations

Enclosures
As listed above

Bcc: RAdm W. Crowe, Jr.

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November 13, 1974

U. S. Ambassador Franklin H. Williams
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Recent election results in the Mariana Islands District, while still unofficial, have caused a great deal of confusion and apprehension concerning future Marianas Political Status Commission negotiations with the United States Government. As we are elected representatives of the people of Tinian, we wish to go on record that we strongly support the work of the Marianas Political Status Commission and the positions it had taking from its inception of status talks to the present.

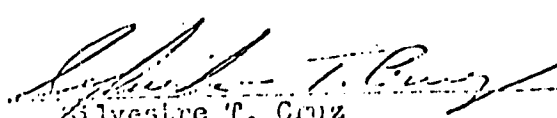
We are very pleased with the progress made by the Marianas Political Status Commission since its creation in 1971 by our District Legislature. It has done an excellent job in ensuring that our future relationship with the United States will be a fair and honorable arrangement for both sides. But we are afraid that misinterpretations of recent election results will serve to jeopardize the interests of our people. For that reason we wish to advise you of our continued support of the positions adopted by the Marianas Political Status Commission and our edorsement of its position as the true representative of the Marianas people in their negotiations with the United States Government.

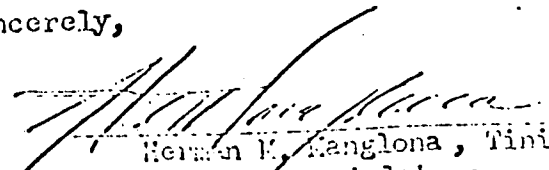
We believe that the United States' requests for land on Tinian and Saipan are reasonable and should be honored. After all, negotiations are not one sided declarations of a single party or interest group. Negotiations are the compromised and considered judgements of several competing interest groups. We feel that the Unites States Delegation and the Marianas Political Status Commission have shared this basic principle of a negotiated understanding. Let us not now in any way repudiate the results of these forthright negotiations and slow the progress toward a popularly supported Commonwealth Status for the Mariana Islands.

We sincerely hope that during your December 1974 talks with the Marianas Political Status Commission, both sides will be able to sign the Status Agreement.

God bless America and the future new Government of the Marianas.
Thank you and Hafa Dai.

Sincerely,


Silvestre T. Cruz
Speaker, Tinian Municipal Council


Herman K. Manglona, Tinian
District Legislature

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TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

TINIAN, M. I.

RESOLUTION NO. 31

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES LAND REQUIREMENTS ON TINIAN AND OTHER MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1974, a special meeting was called by the Mayor of Tinian and the Speaker of the Tinian Municipal Council for the purpose of being briefed by the two Tinian Representatives on the Marianas Political Status Commission, and

WHEREAS, during that meeting the Tinian Representatives on the Status Commission brought to the attention of the official leaders in that meeting relative to the most current information in the Marianas status negotiations, and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of all relevant information presented by the two Representatives, the Tinian Municipal officials realized the significant benefits that would accrue to the people of Tinian in the new political relationship that is being negotiated by the Marianas Political Status Commission, and


WHEREAS, the Mayor of Tinian in expressing his support toward the status negotiations made a request to the two Representatives of Tinian on the Marianas Political Status Commission that the people of Tinian, in view of the extensive land to be used in Tinian for United States national defense, should be given the opportunity to receive at least three per cent of the total returns from the United States payments,

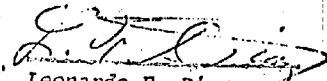
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tinian Municipal Council that the elected leaders of Tinian hereby unanimously endorse the United States land requirements on Tinian; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marianas Political Status Commission is hereby directed to recommend to the future government of the Marianas that three per cent of the total returns from United States payments relative to the land use on Tinian be earmarked for use by the future Municipal Government of Tinian; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission, the President of the District Legislature, the President's Personal Representative for Marianas Status Negotiations, and the President of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 11th day of December 1974.


Silvestre T. Cruz
Speaker

ATTESTED:

Leonardo F. Diaz
Legislative Secretary

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