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The Hon. Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Secretary Kissinger:

This is to transmit, for your use and information a copy
of Resolution No. 76-1975 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COVENANT TO
ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SO THAT THE
PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAN
EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE
RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN A PLEBISCITE"

This Resolution was adopted unanimously by all 16 members of
the Mariana Islands District Legislature during its regular
session and after full explanation and thorough consideration
of the provisions of the Covenant for the Establishment of the
Commonwealth Government in the Northern Mariana Islands. It
is our sincere hope that all concerned will accord this measure
its due consideration.

If you have any questions concerning this Resolution No. 76-1975,
I'll be pleased to answer them for you.

Sincerely yours,

Santiago B. Magofna
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Legislative Secretary

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INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAN EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN A PLURISCUITE.

WHEREAS, in May 1972 the Mariana Islands District Legislature created the Marianas Political Status Commission, which consists of representatives of all of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the desires of the people, the Mariana Islands District Legislature instructed the Marianas Political Status Commission to negotiate with the United States concerning the terms of a close and enduring political relationship between the United States and the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Marianas Political Status Commission has conducted studies, has consulted with and made reports to the Mariana Islands District Legislature, and has negotiated for more than two years with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Marianas Political Status Commission has approved and has presented to the Mariana Islands District Legislature the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America and related documents; and

WHEREAS, the District Legislature has carefully reviewed the Covenant and the Technical Agreement Regarding the Use of Land to Be Leased by the United States in the Northern Mariana Islands, and the other materials

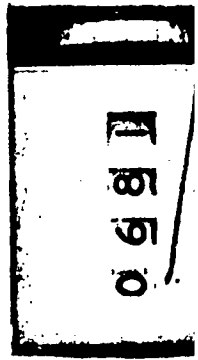
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submitted in the February, 1975 Report of the Marianas Political Status Commission; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands have and must be given the opportunity to exercise their sovereign and inalienable right of self-determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature, that the Marianas Political Status Commission has properly performed its function of negotiating a close and enduring political relationship with the United States of America; and

THAT, only the people of the Northern Mariana Islands can decide whether the Covenant entitles the political relationship which they desire to achieve by the exercise of their sovereign and inalienable right of self-determination; and

THAT, the Mariana Islands District Legislature hereby approves the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America for submission to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands in a plebiscite; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President should certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Interior, Members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States



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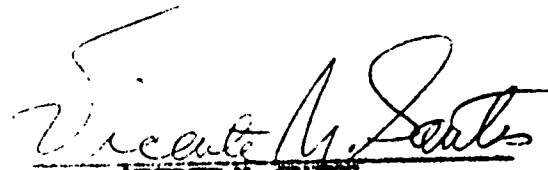
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Congress, the High Commissioner, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of the Congress of Micronesia, U.S. Ambassador Franklin Raych Williams, the Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission, and the District Administrator for the Marianas Islands District.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 20, 1975.


VICENTE M. SANTOS
President


SANTIAGO B. YAGÑA
Legislative Secretary

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