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March 7, 1975

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Dear Howard:

I know you must be anxious about the developments on the various pieces of proposed legislation before the District Legislature, and I promised to keep you informed. As you can see by the enclosed copy of the land legislation, it was changed extensively; however, nothing could be done in this regard as it basically came down to priorities. I was told that either this bill be accepted in its present form; i.e., with the changes added, or the legislation should be scrapped entirely for this session. Ed and I both felt that we should go ahead with it the way it is and shoot for amendments later. To have the idea of the land corporation shot down twice would probably end it for any future time.

Ed felt that he couldn't press too hard in all areas and that he had to accept priorities. He felt, and I agree with him, that the prime priority is the proposed \$110,000 budget which included the complete payoff of debts for Jim Leonard, yourself and myself. This was accomplished as the enclosed bill will note. I hope the copy of Act No. 110-1975 will suffice to quiet the waters for both your firm and Jim Leonard until the money actually becomes available over the next several months. Ed worked very hard on this budget and personally cut down his income, and mine for that matter, as far as ongoing operations are concerned in order to get these prior payments completed.

Actually, the District Legislature has done a commendable job in reference to legislation that we requested; i.e., approving the Covenant, the resolution asking for a plebiscite, the resolution regarding the Congress of Micronesia members

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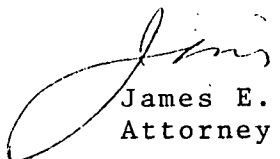
becoming members of the Mariana Islands District Legislature, the appropriations bill and the modified land entity. Also enclosed for your review is a copy of Act No. 120-1975 appropriating funds for the establishment of a full time District Legislature starting May 1, 1975. I am concerned that this movement towards a full time legislature prior to the plebiscite could have an adverse effect on the people. However, they could not be dissuaded from pushing it through this session. I tried a quiet personal lobby with six members to try to put this off till July or August but to no avail.

The District Legislature passed the minimum wage of \$2.25 per hour. This, unfortunately, was pushed by Daniel Muna so where he lost in status he picked up in the legislature. I understand that this minimum wage only applies to the private sector; however, I am sure that, if it is not vetoed, the government operations will also have to comply shortly. I pass this information on to assist Jim's ulcer.

There have been no funds appropriated for the establishment of the land entity other than the use of Trust Territory funds. I am interested in how this can be developed and any other ideas that you and Jim may have in this area.

The first issue of our newspaper should be out by next week. The inner four pages will contain the Covenant, section by section, and the explanatory memorandum. Each page will have three columns--one for the English, one for the Chamorro and one for the Carolinian. It is hoped that over ten or twelve weeks the entire Covenant and explanatory memorandum will be disseminated. In addition, there will be a weekly column by Ed called "Common Sense". If you feel an article is appropriate from your end, we may even give you a by-line. I am sending a copy of this to Jim Leonard so that he, too, can be up to date.

Sincerely yours,



James E. White
Attorney at Law

Enclosures

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FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

ACT NO. 100-1975
INTRODUCED BY: HON. JUAN IG. CABRERA, SAIPAN

1. AN ACT EXPRESSING THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
2. MARIANA ISLANDS WITH RESPECT TO ALL PUBLIC LANDS,
3. IMPLEMENTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDER NO. 2969
4. OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED
5. STATES OF AMERICA, DATED DECEMBER 26, 1974, AND
6. DESIGNATING THE ENTITY TO RECEIVE, HOLD AND
7. ADMINISTER THE PUBLIC LANDS TO BE RETURNED BY
8. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

9. BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THAT:

10. WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District desire the return
11. of all right, title and interest in and to all public lands presently held
12. by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

13. WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District seek the return of
14. all right, title and interest in and to such public lands ~~as have been~~
15. ~~held by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands~~ at the earliest possible time; and

16. WHEREAS, the United States, as the Administering Authority, now
17. proposes to return certain of the public lands of the Mariana Islands
18. District, subject to certain conditions, all as set forth in Order No. 2969
19. of the Secretary of the Interior dated December 26, 1974 (hereinafter called
20. the Public Land Secretarial Order).

1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT

2. LEGISLATURE THAT:

3. Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to satisfy the conditions
4. precedent set forth in Section 6 of the Secretarial Order to
5. the return by the Administering Authority of certain public
6. lands of the Mariana Islands District in trust for the people
7. of the Mariana Islands District; to create the legal entity to
8. receive such public lands in trust for the people of the
9. Mariana Islands District; to designate such legal entity to
10. receive, hold and administer such public lands in trust for the
11. people of the Mariana Islands; to reserve the power of the
12. Mariana Islands District Legislature to enact laws providing
13. for the exercise of the power of eminent domain and the
14. establishment of adjudicatory bodies for settlement of claims
15. to title or rights in the lands transferred; and formally to
16. request the High Commissioner to convey to the legal entity
17. created hereby the public lands to be returned pursuant to the
18. Secretarial Order.

19. Section 2. Reservation of Powers by the Trust Territory of the Pacific
20. Islands. The Mariana Islands District Legislature hereby
21. recognizes that the Secretarial Order reserves to the Central
22. Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, until
23. separate administration or termination of the Trusteeship
24. whichever shall sooner occur, (a) the paramount power of eminent
25. domain to take lands for public purposes pursuant to law and
26. (b) the right to regulate all activities affecting conservation,
27. navigation, or commerce in and to the navigable waters;
28. tidelands, filled lands, submerged lands and lagoons;

1. provided that, in the exercise of such right, the Central
2. Government does not unnecessarily interfere with the exercise
3. of all prior traditional rights in and to such lands.

4. Section 3. Creation of the Entity to Receive, Hold and Administer the
5. Public Lands.

6. (a) There is hereby created a corporation to be known as the
7. Marianas Public Land Corporation (hereinafter called the
8. Corporation). Pursuant to the Secretarial Order, the Corporation
9. shall have perpetual juridical existence.

10. (b) The Corporation is a legal person created to receive in
11. trust for the benefit of the people of the Mariana Islands all
12. right, title and interest in and to public lands to be returned
13. pursuant to the Secretarial Order or any order or law hereinafter
14. returning additional public lands (hereinafter called the Trust
15. Lands). Accordingly, the Corporation shall not be operated for
16. the pecuniary gain or profit, direct or indirect, or any person
17. but rather for the pecuniary gain or other benefit to the
18. people of the Mariana Islands. ~~THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT HAVE~~
19. ~~THE POWER TO ISSUE ANY EQUITY SECURITIES OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF~~
20. ~~PARTICIPATION IN OWNERSHIP OF THE ASSETS, REVENUES OR PROFITS~~
21. ~~OF THE CORPORATION TO ANY PERSON.~~

22. (c) The Corporation shall be a membership corporation composed
23. of members who agree to participate in the activities of the
24. Corporation for the benefit of the people of the Mariana Islands.
25. The following public officials and individuals are eligible to
26. be the first members of the Corporation:

1. (1) The Mayors of Saipan, Rota and Tinian;
2. (2) Sixteen persons appointed by the Marianas District
3. Legislature, no more than eight of whom shall be members
4. of the legislature and at least two of whom shall be
5. representatives of the United Carolinian Association;
6. (3) Fifteen persons appointed by the Municipal Council of
7. Saipan, no more than seven of whom shall be members of the
8. Council;
9. (4) Nine persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Rota,
10. no more than four of whom shall be members of the Council;
11. and
12. (5) Seven persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Tinian,
13. no more than three of whom shall be members of the Council.

14. *THE REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION IN*
15. *EXERCISING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE*
16. *APPROPRIATE APPROPRIATING ENTITY OR BY THE CORPORATION.*

17. The office of the Legislative Counsel for the Mariana Islands District
18. Legislature shall be primarily responsible for providing legal services
19. as may be required by the Corporation.

20. (d) The following individuals are hereby designated the incorporators
21. of the Corporation:

22. (1) Two persons appointed by the Marianas District Legislature;
23. (2) Two persons appointed by the Marianas Political Status
24. Commission;
25. (3) Two persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Tinian;
26. (4) Two persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Rota; and
27. (5) Two persons appointed by the Municipal Council of Saipan;

1. Provided, however, that if any incorporator named pursuant to
2. this Act becomes unwilling or unable to serve as an
3. incorporator, then the remaining incorporators designated
4. hereby are hereby empowered to elect, by majority vote, the
5. successor to any such named incorporator.
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7. (e) The incorporators are hereby authorized and directed to
8. take the steps required by this Act to organize the
9. Corporation promptly in order that the return of the Trust
10. Lands for the benefit of the people of the Mariana Islands
11. shall be expedited.

12. (f) The incorporators are directed to review the draft Articles
13. of Incorporation submitted to the District Legislature and
14. to make such modifications thereto as the incorporators
15. shall deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this
16. Act and the Secretarial Order and to benefit the people
17. of the Mariana Islands;

18. Provided, however, that the incorporators are not authorized
19. to make any ~~draft~~ changes in the draft Articles which
20. diminish the authority of the District Legislature or any po
21. popularly elected legislative successor thereto with respect
22. to the Corporation.

23. (g) The Corporation shall have the powers enumerated in this
24. Act, the Secretarial Order and the Articles of
25. Incorporation adopted by the incorporators; provided,
26. however, that the powers of the Corporation shall be
27. subject to the limitations set forth in subsections
28. (d), (e) and (f) of Section 6 of the Secretarial Order.

1. (h) After the incorporators have approved the Articles of
2. Incorporation and the By-laws of the Corporation, the
3. incorporators are hereby directed to file the Articles of
4. Incorporation and the By-laws in the office of the
5. Registrar of Corporation of the Trust Territory of the
6. Pacific Islands and of the Clerk of the District Court of
7. the Mariana Islands District and, upon such filing, the
8. organization of the Corporation shall proceed in the
9. manner contemplated by the Articles of Incorporation
10. and the By-laws.
11. (i) The activities of the Corporation shall be conducted in
12. accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and By-laws,
13. each as amended from time to time.
14. (j) After the organization of the Corporation is complete, the
15. Corporation shall ~~be hereby authorized to~~ receive from the
16. High Commissioner: (1) complete records and an accounting
17. for and legal description of all Trust Lands to be returned,
18. including a full disclosure of all claims to and litigation
19. pending relevant to rights, title and interest in such lands
20. which have been documented by the United States and the
21. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and (2) all right,
22. title and interest of the Government of the Trust Territory
23. of the Pacific Islands in the Trust Lands. In connection
24. with the transfer of title from the High Commissioner to
25. the Corporation, the Corporation is hereby authorized to
26. agree to hold the United States Government and the Central

1. Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
2. and their respective agencies or political subdivisions
3. harmless from any and all claims relating to the lands
4. conveyed arising after the date of conveyance other than
5. claims resulting directly from the actions of the United
6. Government, the Government of the Trust Territory of the
7. Pacific Islands, their respective agencies or political
8. subdivisions or any of their duly authorized agents.

9. Section 4. Guidelines Concerning Use and Disposition of the Trust Lands.

10. The members of the Corporation shall adopt policy guidelines
11. setting forth limitations on land dispositions and outlining
12. the procedures to be followed in connection therewith
13. (hereinafter called the Trust Policy Guidelines). Until the
14. Trust Policy Guidelines shall have been adopted, the Corporation
15. shall not have any power to dispose of any interest in the
16. Trust Lands except for the power to execute on behalf of the
17. people of the Mariana Islands binding agreements to meet land
18. requirements of the United States designated in a future status
19. agreement approved by the people of the Mariana Islands.

20. Section 5. Revenues.

21. (a) THE CORPORATION IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPROXIMATE A LIST OF
22. INDEPENDENT ESTIMATED FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET IN THE
23. OPERATION OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION
24. AND TO ADJUST THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AT THE END OF EACH
25. FISCAL YEAR OF THE CORPORATION.

26. (a) All revenues generated from the use, sale, disposition and
27. administration of the Trust Lands pursuant to this Act shall

1. be deposited in the General Fund of the Mariana Islands
2. District Legislature.

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11. (b) At the end of each fiscal year, the Corporation shall
12. prepare and submit to the legislature for its consideration
13. and funding, for the next fiscal year, funds necessary to
14. conduct its activities.

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1. Section 6. Annual Report to the People. The Corporation shall prepare
2. an annual report to the people of the Mariana Islands
3. setting forth (i) a summary of its activities and proposed
4. activities, (ii) its financial statements for the past fiscal
5. year and (iii) its budget projections for the current fiscal
6. year. The Corporation shall publish its report in a manner
7. selected to reach the broadest segment of the people of the
8. Mariana Islands. The Corporation's annual report shall be
9. sent to the Mariana Islands District Legislature.
10. Section 7. Reservation of Power to Enact Certain Laws.
11. Pursuant to the Secretarial Order, the Mariana Islands
12. District Legislature is empowered to enact laws providing for
13. the exercise of the power of eminent domain, creating
14. adjudicatory bodies for the settlement of claims to title
15. or rights in the lands transferred, and establishing a
16. program for homesteading on the land transferred to the
17. district legal entity. The power to enact such laws is
18. hereby reserved. Until the District Legislature shall
19. establish or designate an adjudicatory body for the
20. settlement of claims to title or rights in the Trust Lands,
21. the Corporation is hereby empowered to settle title in any
22. portion of the Trust Lands in proceedings in the High
23. High Court of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
24. Section 8. Formal Request to High Commissioner. On behalf of the people,
25. the Mariana Islands District Legislature hereby formally
26. requests, as required by Section 1 of the Secretarial Order,
27. the High Commissioner to convey to the Corporation the

1. public lands to be returned pursuant to the Secretarial
2. Order.

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10. Section 9. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon approval
11. by the District Administrator, or upon its becoming law
12. without such approval.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE MARCH _____, 1975.

P.S. I asked Ed to respond to your teleph. and said I would be happy to make a demand but he said no - that he would stick to you on all this when he got there -

Howard,

Probably the biggest reason why the Ford bill did not come out in its original form was that for some reason Ed would not lobby for it. He seems to be of the impression that the changes are good and he is not anxious to see a separate entity to far from the RDL. It would probably be good to fully impress upon him the need to amend the bill at the next session to overcome the problems. Bill Motors said if Ed would lobby it through it probably would make it - otherwise no - I made Ed aware of this but no soap. Also Danny Muma is behind the changes.

I had talk with Bill Motors about the change as to who does the legal work and he said no sweat - is only his primary responsibility and can be let out to consultants but I know he plans to angle in here if possible. I'm taking for advice and getting closer to bill so our interests can be protected. He agreed that W, C & P as well as myself should be recognized for all organizational work. Probably best to wait a bit on the initial RDL starts actually getting moving in.

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Jim

FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

ACT NO. 110-1975

INTRODUCED BY: ~~YON/MANUEZ/D/MUNAK/FAIPAN~~
APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

1. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF ONE
2. HUNDRED ~~XXXVII~~ TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED
3. FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS ~~(\$XXX,000/00)~~ (\$110,347.00)
4. AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE
5. OF DEFRAYING THE OPERATION EXPENSES OF THE
6. MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION IN
7. CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF DISTRICT LAW NO.
8. 3-124 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

9. BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THAT:

10. Section 1. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any
11. unobligated surplus in the General Fund of the Mariana Islands
12. District Legislature the sum of Eighty-six thousands
13. eight hundred forty-seven dollars ~~(\$86,847.00)~~ (\$86,847.00)
14. which shall be used to defray the expenses of the operation of
15. the Marianas Political Status Commission in carrying out the
16. purposes of District Law No. 3-124.

17. Section 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any
18. unobligated surplus in the General Fund of the Mariana
19. Islands District Legislature the sum of Twenty-five thousand
20. dollars (\$25,000.00) as supplemental appropriation to the
21. Marianas Political Status Commission for the purposes of
22. planning, conducting and implementing political education
23. within the Mariana Islands District on the Covenant to
24. Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in
25. Political Union with the United States of America.

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1. Section 3. The District Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the funds
2. authorized by this Act available to the Commission, who shall
3. have control over the expenditure of these funds in accordance
4. with the purposes of District Law No. 3-124. The sum herein
5. appropriated shall be expended at the request, direction and
6. approval of the Chairman of the Commission.
7. Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval by the District
8. Administrator, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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

FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

ACT NO. 120-1975
INTRODUCED BY: APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

1. GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT

2. BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THAT:

3. Section 1. The following sums are hereby appropriated out of any unobligated
4. surplus in the General Fund of the Mariana Islands District
5. Legislature for the purposes stated herein. Items "A" through
6. "C" shall be for the period ending March 31, 1976 inclusive.

7. A. Members Compensation and Expenses

8.	(a) Members Compensation	\$ 132,000.00
9.	(b) Benefits (S.S. Tax)	1,980.00
10.	(c) Travel and Per Diem Expenses	24,337.80
11.	(d) Official Representation	<u>5,000.00</u>
12.	Subtotal	\$ 163,317.80

13. B. Administration

14.	(a) Personnel	\$ 33,925.00
15.	(b) Employees Overtime	4,962.80
16.	(c) Benefits (S.S. Tax)	583.00
17.	(d) Legislative Counsel Salary	8,000.00
18.	(e) Travel and Per Diem	1,885.00
19.	(f) Contingency Funds	4,000.00

1.	(g) Office Supplies, Equipment, Cablegram	
2.	Telephone and Stamps	\$ 13,000.00
3.	(h) Transportation Maintenance	
4.	and Procurement	5,600.00
5.	(i) Building Maintenance and	
6.	Improvement	4,000.00
7.	(j) Salaries for Trainees and	
8.	Secretarial Assistance	3,000.00
9.	(k) Funds for Annual Leave and	
10.	Holiday Pay	<u>2,000.00</u>
11.	Subtotal	\$ 80,955.80
12.	G. <u>Special Appropriation</u>	
13.	(a) Hold-Over Committee Emergency Funds	
14.	(Section 6.08.030 MIEC)	\$ 3,000.00
15.	(b) Funds for Distad and Distad Rep.	
16.	(Section 6.12.010 MIDC)	700.00
17.	(c) Assessment for PCL	<u>1,000.00</u>
18.	Subtotal	\$ 4,700.00

1.	D. <u>Appropriation Measures</u>		
2.	(a)	An Act as Matching Funds for Boy	
3.		Scout Coordinator (Act No. 29) . . .	\$ 3,000.00
4.	(b)	An Act providing Funds for Invalids	
5.		and Ederly Person (Act No. 51) . . .	2,000.00
6.	(c)	An Act to Supplement the Marianas	
7.		Gaming Commission (Act No. 98) . . .	2,000.00
8.	(d)	An Act to Supplement the Marianas	
9.		Political Status Commission	
10.		(Act No. 110)	<u>110,347.00</u>
11.		Subtotal	\$ 117,347.00
12.		Grand Total	<u>\$ 373,320.60</u>

13. Section 2. The Hold-Over Committee shall have the power and authority at all
 14. times, while the Legislature is not in session, to reallocate
 15. and transfer funds from one line to another line item within
 16. and between Subsections (A, B & C) of this Act. Provided, that
 17. such reallocation and transfer does not exceed ____% of the
 18. total sum appropriated for the particular line item from which
 19. the transfer and reallocation is made.

20. Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval by the District
 21. Administrator, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 72-1975

INTRODUCED BY: HON. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

1. A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING
2. THE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
3. INTERIOR TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED SECRETARIAL
4. ORDER FOR SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARIANA
5. ISLANDS DISTRICT A PROVISION TO ALLOW THE PRESENT
6. MEMBERS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DELEGATION TO THE
7. CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO SERVE AS SPECIAL
8. DELEGATES OR SPECIAL MEMBERS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS
9. DISTRICT LEGISLATURE UNTIL JANUARY 1976 OR SOONER
10. IF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
11. NORTHERN MARIANAS IS ESTABLISHED

12. WHEREAS, under provisions of Resolution No. 1-1974, First Regular Session,
13. passed unanimously by the Legislature on September 7, 1974 during its First
14. Special Session, urged the separate administration of the Marianas from the
15. other districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands after approval
16. of the covenant for the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern
17. Marianas by the people and the United States; and

18. WHEREAS, the Marianas Political Status Commission has unanimously
19. approved for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and a formal signing
20. of this document between the members of the Marianas Political Status
21. Commission and Ambassador Williams representing the United States of America
22. ~~will take~~ which took place on Saturday, February 15, 1975 and unanimously
23. ~~an approval~~ approved by the Mariana Islands District Legislature ~~is expected~~
24. ~~to follow shortly thereafter~~ and on February 20, 1975; and

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1. WHEREAS, after a period of explanations and discussion of provision of
2. the covenant with the public, the people of the Northern Marianas will have
3. an opportunity to express themselves with respect to the provisions of this
4. covenant for the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas;
5. and

6. WHEREAS, based on previous informal meetings with village groups, local
7. leaders and legislative bodies in the Mariana Islands District, we have every
8. confidence that this covenant will be overwhelmingly approved by the people of
9. the Northern Marianas; and

10. WHEREAS, when approved by all parties concerned, we anticipate the
11. separation of the Mariana Islands District from the other districts of the
12. Trust Territory and to be administered separately; and

13. WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the service by the newly elected members
14. to the Congress of Micronesia from the Marianas, it is the sense of this
15. legislature that the proposed Secretarial Order concerning separate
16. administration of the Marianas contain a provision to allow the present
17. members of the Marianas delegation to the Congress of Micronesia to serve as
18. special delegates or special members of the Mariana Islands District
19. Legislature with the same rights and privileges as other members until the
20. current term of the membership in the District Legislature expires in
21. January 1977 or until a legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern
22. Mariana Islands is established;

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1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District
2. Legislature, Fifth Regular Session, that the Secretary of the U.S. Department
3. of the Interior be and he hereby is respectfully requested to include in the
4. proposed Secretarial Order for separate administration of the Mariana
5. Islands District a provision to allow the present members of the Mariana
6. Islands delegation to the Congress of Micronesia to serve as special
7. delegates or special members in the Mariana Islands District Legislature
8. until January 1976 or sooner if the legislature of the Commonwealth of the
9. Northern Marianas is established;
10. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the
11. Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit
12. copies of the same to the Secretary of the United States Department of
13. Interior, Secretary of the United States Department of State, the High
14. Commissioner and to the District Administrator.

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