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and

The Honorable Bethwel Henry  
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Dear Sirs:

First, let me congratulate you for the most excellent and well-written reply to my letter of April 3, 1975. My inquiry at the Congress Headquarters on April 16, 1975, proved my suspicion that there is a well-organized group of staff lawyers who is dedicated to criticizing my letters at the expense of the taxpayers. Such group readily admitted to me, and two happened to be expatriates desperately trying to protect their jobs, that they are indeed writing your letters. There may be nothing wrong with such practice, but I wish to note to you the dangers of letting non-Micronesians put words into your mouths.

I wish to respond to you point by point in your letter where I noted significant contradictions between what you said in defense of your position and what the ghost writers and recipients say in support of the gift.

I do not blame the Congress for claiming that "it is the sole bargaining agent for Micronesia on status matters." I, too, at one time had been idealistic about the Unity of Micronesia, but practical and political reasons led me to conclude that no matter what the United Nations, U.S. representative or the Congress of Micronesia say, there is absolutely no way that any human can unite the Marianas people with the rest of the districts, more so than to build any hope that the other districts themselves will ever get together. The Congress of Micronesia has condemned practically

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every responsible "outsiders" for all its problems, including political status, that I see it as foolish, contrary to your beliefs, to continue to pay attention to their advice on what is good and right for Micronesians.

If you truly believe that your action on the authorization of "Unity" funds is "consistent with the best interests of all the people of Micronesia," I would like to be enlightened as to what are these "best interests."

Right now, because of the use of "Unity" funds, the Marianas people are confused, the Carolinians are taking sides, and more and more, they are being led to believe that they are being discriminated against and that they are not Marianas descent. The situation, if you people are here, is more serious than you can imagine.

The most obvious contradiction is the fact that the objective of the Unity program is to "achieve a greater sense of national unity in Micronesia," yet, I see the most classic example of dis-unity among our people, and quite ironically, those individuals who are recipients of the funds are actually promoting separation of the Marianas from the five districts by they, themselves, publicly manifesting that they are in support of Commonwealth, which we admire, but have reservations on provisions in the Covenant.

Now I ask the question: Who is trying to fool who? Aren't the recipients violating the purpose of P.L. 5-106? Is Unity funds, as currently being used to finance public endorsement for Commonwealth in the Marianas by the recipients, really for Unity of Micronesia, or is its use in the Marianas for some other reasons that nobody seems to know.

This question must be answered by those who authorized the funds because I see clearly a violation of the law. The simple fact that our two Congressmen are publicly endorsing Commonwealth is sufficient reason to stop their program because they are not promoting Unity. This is what I mean by irresponsible use of public funds when such funds fall in the hands of the wrong people.

Your quotation of the Congressional oath of office that one "will promote the well-being of all the

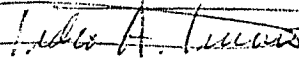
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people of Micronesia," is the very guideline that I follow throughout the Congressional session and the very principle that dictates my stand against the use of public funds. I do not feel that the use of the Unity funds in the Marianas for political education is for the well-being of all Micronesians for there is no program developed that can define the basic objective, the scope, and the accomplishments to be expected. I cannot agree that public funds should be used by any elected official(s) on a "free-for-all" basis.

For your information, under separate letter, I have requested Unity funds for a political education program in the Marianas. With such request, I have included an outline of the program together with cost estimates.

I hope my request meets your approval. If not, then I am humbly requesting that you and members of Congress stay out of our local affairs.

Sincerely yours,



Senator Pedro A. Tenorio

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