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PETITION FROM MR. ASAICHY ROBERT, MAGISTRATE, PAREM MUNICIPALITY,  
TRUK, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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PAREM MUNICIPALITY  
P.O. Box 211  
Truk, Eastern Caroline Islands

9 May 1975

President  
United Nations Trusteeship Council  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Attached herewith please find a copy of our petition to the Administration for our grievances relating to our lands. As you may be aware, land in Micronesia is very scarce, therefore its value cannot be overstressed. Much has been done with our lands without our knowledge or consent. It is our desire to let the Council know that there exists a land problem here in this part of the world.

If there is anything the Council can do, we will really appreciate it.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Asaichy ROBERT  
Magistrate  
Parem Municipality

cc: Parem Municipal Council Chairman

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and that admission of Mr. E. R. Nelson, Jr. has led the people of Parem municipality to take the words of Mr. Halverson in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, as trustee of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Administration has an obligation to see to it that the interests of the beneficiaries are protected and one of the ways is to give them a fair chance to say what they think are the real boundaries between their lands and the alleged government lands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AGGRIEVED LANDOWNERS, THE COUNCILMEN UNANIMOUSLY CONCURRING AND THE MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATE APPROVING, that the District Administrator of Truk, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands be and are hereby requested to open negotiations on the boundaries between the alleged government lands and the privately owned lands so that mutual agreement can be reached before any mapping therefor will be started. The people of Parem Municipality have strongly felt that this step will be very important before the implementation of Secretarial Order No. 2969, dated 26 December 1974, so that the Administration will know exactly what parcels of land will be given to the District Legislature pursuant to the Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that duly certified copies of this petition be transmitted to the Chief of the Land and Survey Division, Trust Territory Headquarters; the Land Commissioner, Truk, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congress of Micronesia; the United States Secretary of the Interior, United States Department of Interior; and the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

Respectfully submitted by the aggrieved landowners.

Signed by 15 persons (signatures illegible) on 22 April 1975

Unanimously adopted by the Parem Municipal Council.

Signed by six persons (signatures illegible) on 21 April 1975

Certified correct by:

(Signed) Asaichy ROBERT  
Magistrate  
Parem Municipality

Date: 22 April 1975