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The Honorable Henry Kissinger
Secretary
United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to you certified copy of Legislature Resolution No. 138, L.D.1, which was adopted recently by Third Ponape District Legislature, Sixth Regular Session, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislature Resolution No. 138
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THIRD PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

A
RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory to cease and desist from any and all activities and negotiations with separate self-determination, and urging the peoples of Micronesia to utilize the central legislative body in determining their future; directing the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Relations to exercise any means necessary in ensuring the fulfillment of the intent and purpose of this Resolution; and for other purposes.

Offered by Honorable Joanis Edmund and Kasiano Joseph

Date Offered, April 2, 19 75

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A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory to cease and desist from any and all activities and negotiations with separate districts of Micronesia; to allow Micronesians to exercise their right of self-determination; and urging the peoples of Micronesia to utilize the central legislative body in determining their future; directing the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Relations to exercise any means necessary in ensuring the fulfillment of the intent and purpose of this Resolution; and for other purposes.

1 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Third Ponape District Legislature, Sixth
2 Regular Session, 1975, that the United States, as Administering Authority for
3 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, is obligated under the United
4 Nations Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement of the Former Japanese Mandated
5 Islands to foster the political, economic, social and educational advancement
6 of the inhabitants of Micronesia and to promote, to the fullest extent possible,
7 the development of the Territory toward self-sufficiency and self-government; and

8 WHEREAS, it is also the sense of this Legislature that because of the
9 smallness and isolated nature of the islands of Micronesia, and because of the
10 limited resources, personnel, and labor force available in the Trust Territory,
11 economic, social and political advancement toward self-sufficiency can only be
12 accomplished through a high degree of political cooperation and economic inter-
13 action between and among the districts of Micronesia; and

14 WHEREAS, despite the long tradition of consolidated administration by the
15 German, the Japanese and the American administrations, and despite repeated
16 protests by the Congress of Micronesia and strong criticism by the 1973 United
17 Nations Visiting Team to the Trust Territory, the United States, in promoting
18 its own territorial and military interests in the Northern Mariana Islands, has
19 instituted separate status negotiations with the political subdivision of the
20 Trust Territory Government known as the Mariana Islands District for its
21 incorporation into the territorial possessions of the United States of America;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the United States has initiated these separate negotiations with
24 this important segment of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which is
25 rich in potential for economic and social growth and equipped by the United

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1 States with the most highly developed infrastructure of all the islands of
2 Micronesia, without any consideration of the crucial importance of the Northern
3 Mariana Islands for the future development and economic vitality of the
4 remainder of Micronesia; and

5 WHEREAS, the unprecedented action of the United States Government in
6 negotiating separately with the Mariana Islands District has unwittingly
7 encouraged various interest groups within the other districts of Micronesia to
8 exploit the possibilities of asserting the right of separate status negotiations
9 at a time when the Trust Territory is faced with political and economic crisis,
10 significantly jeopardizing the viability of our central legislative body and
11 the fragile thread of unity in Micronesia so essential for the maintenance of
12 the territorial integrity and economic vitality in the Trust Territory; and

13 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia through repeated acts and resolutions,
14 and the esteemed traditional leaders of the islands of Micronesia, assembled
15 in conference, by resolution and petition, have sought in every way possible to
16 counteract the disruptive activities of the Administering Authority which are
17 resulting in the fractionalization and disunification of Micronesia; and

18 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia has further sought to enable all the
19 peoples of Micronesia to decide, in accordance with duly established and
20 recognized means of democratic political expression, what form of political status
21 and future government is best for them, by calling for a Constitutional Convention
22 with delegates representing every district of Micronesia to convene in July, 1975;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia, in its most recent Regular Session,
25 passed legislation calling for a national referendum not later than July 12, 1975,

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1 which among other things, will seek to determine whether the people of
2 Micronesia wish to continue the unified nature of Micronesia; now, therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Ponape District Legislature, Sixth Regular
4 Session, 1975, for and on behalf of the people of Ponape District, that the
5 Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is hereby
6 respectfully requested to cease and desist from any and all activities and
7 negotiations with the separate political subdivisions of Micronesia which
8 disrupt the territorial integrity of Micronesia in order to promote its own
9 territorial and military goals within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
10 and to allow the people of Micronesia, through their inherent right of self-deter-
11 mination, to develop for themselves the nature and scope of the government of
12 Micronesia; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all the peoples of Micronesia are hereby humbly
14 requested and beseeched to utilize the legal modes of self-expression provided
15 by the central legislative body of the Trust Territory Government to determine
16 the future of Micronesia, and to approach the Constitutional Convention for
17 Micronesia with open minds and a sense of cooperation necessary to ensure a
18 viable political future for all the peoples of Micronesia; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental
20 Relations of the Ponape District Legislature is hereby authorized and directed
21 to exercise any means necessary, court action or otherwise, to ensure that the
22 intent and purpose of this Resolution is realized; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted
24 to the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the President of the United States
25 of America, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior,

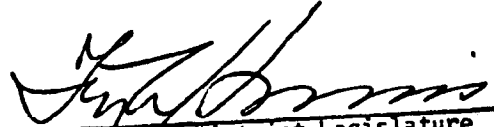
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1 Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, each of the United States Congressmen and
2 Senators, the U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Interior and Insular
3 Affairs, the U. S. Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the Director
4 of the Office of Territorial Affairs, the High Commissioner of the Trust
5 Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Presiding Officers of the Congress of
6 Micronesia, the Presiding Officers of all six District Legislatures in the
7 Trust Territory, the Pre-Convention Committee of the Micronesian Constitutional
8 Convention, and the Traditional Leaders of Micronesia.

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10 PASSED BY THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON 3rd OF APRIL, 1975.

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14 Speaker, Ponape District Legislature

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16 Attest: 
17 Legislative Clerk

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