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Senator John C. Stennis
Chairman, Armed Services Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Stennis:

This is to clarify the statement put into the record by Senator Gary Hart regarding Resolution No. 30 of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention opposing the administrative separation of the Mariana Islands from the rest of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

That resolution, although introduced in the Convention was never acted upon by the delegates. It was referred to the Committee on General Provisions and was filed by that Committee.

The information as presented for the record by Senator Hart appeared to show that the Resolution was officially adopted by the Convention when in fact it was never acted upon or passed. We wish the record to show that Resolution No. 30 was filed by the Micronesian Constitutional Convention and has no place in the U.S. Senate documents.

We also wish to set the record straight on the repeated claim by Senator Hart that the Congress of Micronesia continues to oppose the Marianas separate status and the Commonwealth Covenant. There should be no question that on November 5, 1975, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, the Congress of Micronesia went on record in support of the approval of the Covenant.

We hope that our letter will be inserted into the Committee's record in order to update obsolete information being provided by others.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Sen. Gary Hart