

December 13, 1976

HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THIS CABLE IS PROMPTED BY AN ARTICLE I HAVE JUST READ IN THE WASHINGTON POST OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1976, REGARDING CERTAIN CIA ACTIVITIES IN MICRONESIA.

AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE BAN ON FURTHER CIA SPYING ON THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL TRUST. FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CARRY WITH THEM THE MEMORY OF DISTRUST AND APPREHENSIVENESS INFLICTED UPON US BY THE CIA'S UNWARRANTED INTERUSION INTO OUR AFFAIRS.

BEFORE FURTHER AND PERHAPS IRREVOCABLE DAMAGE IS DONE TO THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP CURRENTLY EXISTING BETWEEN THE MICRONESIAN AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU USE YOUR GOOD OFFICE TO HALT ALL CIA ACTIVITIES IN MICRONESIA. IT IS FURTHER URGED THAT A FORMAL UNITED STATES APOLOGY BE RENDERED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IN ORDER TO ALLAY FEARS THAT THE CIA'S ACTION MAY REPRESENT OFFICIAL AMERICAN POLICY.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE UNITED STATES. WE WELCOME A CONTINUED AMERICAN ROLE IN MICRONESIA, BUT NOT AT A PRICE WHICH WILL DEPRIVE BOTH OUR PEOPLE AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE IN TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP.

YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT OF MY REQUEST WILL SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE  
DETERRENT TO CONTINUED SPYING ACTIVITIES BY THE CIA IN MICRONESIA  
WHILE ENHANCING FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES.

I WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THIS  
MATTER AND OTHERS RELATIVE TO MICRONESIA AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

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