

UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

November 23, 1976

The Honorable Lorenzo I. Guerrero
President
Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. President:

We write to you and the honorable members as representatives of the Carolinian Community in our society.

We have reviewed the draft constitution and found that it doesn't provide for any representation and participation of the Carolinian minority in the future Commonwealth Government. We are sure that the omission was not conscious and that the Convention, in due course, will rectify the situation.

We respectfully recommend that the Convention provide in the constitution for proportionally fair and adequate representation and participation of the Carolinians in our future government. In this respect, we humbly request that the Convention amend the draft constitution to include the following:

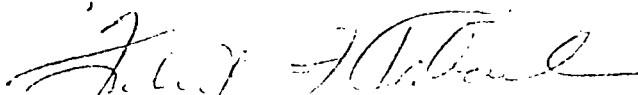
1. That the Lieutenant Governor also be of Carolinian ancestry;
2. That one of the three senators representing Saipan also be of Carolinian ancestry;
3. That ten of the twenty-five members of the House of Representatives representing Saipan also be of Carolinian ancestry.

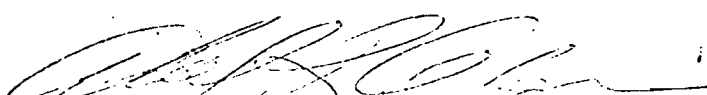
We are confident that you will be favorably disposed to the interests and concerns of the Carolinian Community as you were towards those of Tinian and Rota.


For long, our Carolinian Community has been neglected and discriminated. Our future government should not tolerate such treatment against the minority in our society. We pray that the Convention will promulgate a constitution that will reflect the ideal that has, for the last 200 years, distinguished the people and nation we are about to join - the principle of fair and adequate representation of the people in the governance of their affairs.

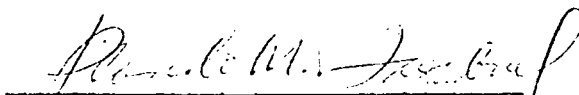
In closing, we hope that you will follow the advice of one of our great forefathers and design a government of the people, for the people, and by the people.

Many sincere thanks,

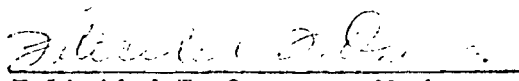

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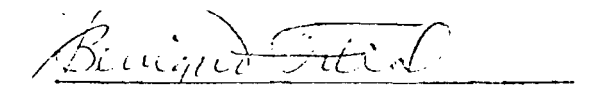

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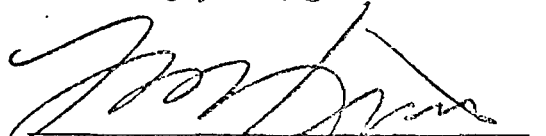

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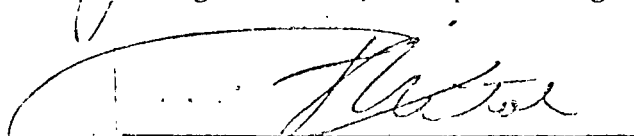

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