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Ralph H. Mortensen
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August 14, 1959

Honorable A. B. WonPat
Speaker, Fifth Guam Legislature
Territory of Guam

My Dear Mr. Speaker:

There is enclosed Resolution No. 2, duly adopted by the Twelfth Saipan Legislature in its Special Session assembled on the 13th day of August 1959.

Should the foregoing resolution be accepted by the Guam Legislature, it is sincerely hoped that you will advise this office in return of the approximate date and the names of the legislators who may be on schedule to make the visit.

It is with our humble wishes that the Fifth Guam Legislature will consider our invitation within the auspicious of the foregoing framework of the Marianas reintegration.

Sincerely yours,

OLYMPIO T. BORJA
SPEAKER

Saipan

Enclosure (1)

TWELFTH SAIPAN LEGISLATURE
1959 (SIXTH) SPECIAL SESSION

Resolution No. 2

Introduced by: Hon. Jose R. Cruz
Hon. Gabriel Borja
Hon. A. S. Palacios

Relative to extending a cordial invitation to the Members of the Fifth Guam Legislature, Territory of Guam, to visit the Saipan District, Trust Territory of the Pacific, for the purpose of cementing and uniting the joint efforts of The Saipan District and the Territory of Guam in the integration and reunification of the Marianas.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF SAIPAN:

WHEREAS, the inhabitants of the Marianas Islands are all closely related, being commonly known as Chamorros, all having a common language, religion, customs, traditions, but as a result of the Spanish-American War, the Island of Guam was and still is politically divorced and severed from the other Marianas Islands; and

WHEREAS, for almost half a century, the District of Saipan had undergone changes in its political and economic structure, several nations having occupied and ruled and governed the Said District of Saipan, until sometime in 1944 when the Armed Forces of the United States of America invaded and took possession of Saipan and since that time was and still is governed by the United States of America under trusteeship of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said trusteeship arrangement, one of the basic objectives is the self-determination of all peoples, as specified in Article 76 of the United Nations Charter which is quoted herewith as follows:

"Article 76. The basic objectives of the Trusteeship system, in accordance with the purposes of the United Nations laid down in Article 1 of the present Charter, shall be:

- a. To further international peace and security;
- b. To promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement to the inhabitants of the Trust Territory, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned, and as may be provided by the terms of each trusteeship agreement;
- c. To encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, and to encourage recognition of the interdependence of the peoples of the world; and
- d. To ensure equal treatment in social, economic, and commercial matters for all members of the United Nations and their nationals, and also equal treatment for the latter in the administration of justice, without prejudice to the attainment of the foregoing objective and subject to the provisions of Article 80;"

and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Guam Legislature of the Territory of Guam, on or about July 8, 1959, duly adopted Resolution No. 367, Relative to requesting Congress of the United States to cause the political reintegration of the Marianas Islands by incorporating the islands of the northern Marianas within the governmental framework of the Territory of Guam; and

WHEREAS, not only is the reunification and integration of the Marianas necessary and indispensable to the defense programs of the United States of America, but also will serve and manifest to the entire world, the ultimate faith in the Government of the United States of America not as a nation of colonialism, but as a nation granting more self-government to possessions under its control; and

WHEREAS, from every point of view, including racial, political, social, cultural, and religious, the most logical and practical approach is the reunification and integration of the District of Saipan with the Territory of Guam, including the granting of United States Citizenship and other liberties and rights incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, to insure fully the joint efforts of the Legislature of the District of Saipan, and the Fifth Guam Legislature of the Territory of Guam in effecting the matters sought hereinabove, it is desirable and necessary that this Legislature extending an invitation to the Members of the Fifth Guam Legislature to visit Saipan for the purpose of coordinating and arranging the channels or procedures to obtain the quickest and the best possible result; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Twelfth Saipan Legislature does hereby, on behalf of the people of the District of Saipan, cordially extend an invitation to the Members of the Fifth Guam Legislature, Territory of Guam, to visit the District of Saipan for the purpose of conferring, discussing and coordinating the matters hereinabove mentioned; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of the Fifth Guam Legislature, Territory of Guam, to the Commander Naval Forces Marianas, Guam, and to the Naval Administrator, Saipan District.

Dated this 17th, day of August 1959.

Olympio T. Borja
SPEAKER

ATTESTED:

Jose R. Cruz
Legislative Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____ 1959.

Ignacio V. Benavente
Mayor of Saipan

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Mr. Olympio T. Borja
Speaker, Saipan Legislature
Saipan, Mariana Islands

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Reference is made to Resolution Number 2 of the Twelfth Saipan Legislature passed 13 August 1959 and dated 17 August 1959.

The Naval Administrator has been requested to inform the Saipan Legislature that the United States Government does not officially support the subject being discussed.

Yours truly,

RALPH H. MORTENSEN
Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve
Naval Administrator
Saipan District

Saipan

Enclosure (2)