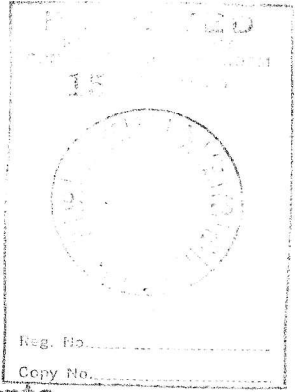


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From: Commander Naval Forces Marianas
To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: Resolution Number 245 of the Sixth Guam Legislature; comments concerning

Ref: (a) COMNAVMARIANAS ltr ser 3723 dtd 4 August 1961

1. A copy of Resolution Number 245 of the Sixth Guam Legislature relative to the creation of a Select Committee on the Commonwealth of Micronesia was forwarded by reference (a).
2. The possible effects that the adoption of this resolution may have on United States relations within the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations have been discussed with the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The High Commissioner concurs that studies and hearings on the political future of the Trust Territory are not within the purview of the Guam Legislature.
3. The High Commissioner has indicated his intention of meeting informally with the Honorable A. B. WON PAT, Speaker of the Legislature and the Honorable R. J. BORDALLO, sponsor of the resolution and prospective chairman of the Select Committee. He will explain the position the United States will be placed in before the United Nations should the provisions of this resolution be pursued vigorously. Commissioner GODING will make no assessment of the concept of a Commonwealth of Micronesia, but will explain the pitfalls engendered for the United States by the Legislature's action in creating a committee which will in effect solicit annexation of the Trust Territory by the United States. It is hoped that a minimum amount of publicity and committee action will be the resultant of the High Commissioner's discussions, but there is no assurance that this will occur.
4. In the event that the Select Committee requests entry into the Saipan District for the purposes of conducting hearings, the request will be denied. The same action will be taken by the High Commissioner on requests for entry into other Districts of the Trust Territory.

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