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From: Internal Affairs Officer
To: Naval Administrator, Saipan

Subj: Petition dated February 13, 1959, from Micronesian Metals & Equipment Company Employees Association to CINCPACFLT

Ref: (a) NavAd Saipan ltr serial 120 of 27 January 1959 and enclosure (1) thereto.

Encl: (1) Current info regarding each petitioner.

1. The undersigned during the past several days has been informally gathering information and background on subject petition, with some surprising results, which are as follows:

(a) The actual preparation of the petition was by Vicente Gogue from information furnished him by the four persons who signed the petition as officers of the Employees Association. Mr. Gogue states that he prepared several rough drafts which the Association Officers presumably took to Mr. Robert R. Hill for perusal before the final draft was made. It is Mr. Gogue's belief that Mr. Hill is entirely cognizant of the petition and that it met with his approval.

(b) The odd fact was immediately noted that the man who has the largest labor claim against Micro, Joaquin D. Cepeda, (\$1258.78), did not sign the petition. When Mr. Cepeda was contacted he stated that nobody had presented the petition to him for signature; that he had only heard that one was being circulated. He stated that he was the oldest employe of Micro on Saipan in length of service and that if a Micro Employees Association was in existence he certainly should have known about it.

(c) Mr. Pedro Capileo (NavAd 13 years) was asked if he was a member of the Micro Employees Association. He denied and stated he had never heard of such a group. When shown his signature on the petition he was very surprised and claimed he did not know what he was signing; that a Micro foreman asked for his signature on a piece of paper including other signatures and no explanation was given as to what he was signing.

(d) Six NavAd employees of the Electric Shop, whose length of service ranges from the lowest of two years to twelve years, were jointly interviewed and asked if they were members of the Micro Employees Association. They stated they were not members and never heard of such an Association. When shown their signatures on the petition and it was read to them, they were very indignant. They stated that one of Micro's foremen approached them at work one morning and asked them to add their signatures to a list of others on a piece of paper explaining to them that if they signed they could expect their money from Micro in from two to three weeks. They jointly denied knowledge of ever having seen the basic petition.

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ENCLOSURE (2)

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(e) Joaquin Santos (NavAd Fire Department) states that he was approached by one of Micro's foremen for his signature on what he thought was a petition to the United Nations. He was informed that if he did not sign the paper he could never get his money from Micro. He states that he is not a member of the Micro Employees Association and has never before heard of the group.

2. A recapitulation of the current employment status of the fifty Saipanese signing the petition indicates that only nine of them can be classified as being unemployed, even though employment opportunities do exist on Saipan.

(See list attached)

3. It is the writer's opinion that (a) The Petitioners do not represent a true list of Micro employees but only those who were part-time employees on boat loadings. (b) That no person interviewed knew exactly what they were signing. (c) That the name "Micronesian Metal & Equipment Co., Inc., Employees Association" was concocted solely for the purposes of this petition. (d) That Saipanese are extremely gullible!

4. Jose S. Sablan, President of the Board of Directors of the Micro Employees Association, was interviewed regarding the petition. Jose's attention was invited to the inconsistency of the petition and to its actual wording. He was appalled as to how his actual desires had appeared in English. He states that what he intended in the petition was this - "Please, Mr. Admiral, will you permit Micro Metals to continue on Saipan. We know enough of the financial condition of this company that if the contract were terminated now we would get nothing -- if the company is allowed to keep going, we might eventually get some of our money."

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Names as listed on Petition

<u>Name</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
J. Boyer	Farmer	Steady
A. Pangelinan	NAVAD	1 year
Pedro Pangelinan	NTTU	3 years
Joaquin Aguon	Attending Catholic High School	
Juan Cruz	Saipan Shipping Company	recent
Ramon Aguon	Farmer	Steady
Vicente Babauta	Farmer	Steady
Ramon Santos	Farmer	Steady
Jose Salas	Currently on construction job - Saipanese	
Daniel Palacios	Same	
Herman Somorang	Without job - fishing	
Joaquin Roppul	Same	
Kaipat Issac)	Don't understand how these men happened to sign. They are permanent Agrihan copra cutters here on visit. Self employed as repairman	
Inoscencio Saures)		
Felix Saures)		
Manuel Pangelinan	Without job - farmer	
Ramon Cabrera	NTTU	3 years
Mariano Sablan	NAVAD (contract)	recent
Dyonicie Cabrera	Not now on Saipan - a permanent resident of Guam	
Felix Pangelinan	NTTU	3 years
Antonio Lizama	Licensed Garage - San Antonio	
Pedro P. Duenas	Municipality of Saipan	recent
Jacinto C. Cruz	Has been in jail for approx	3 months
Gregorio C. Cruz	Unemployed	
Ramon Feherang	NAVAD (Fire Department)	6 months
Joaquin Santos	NTTU	3 years
Antonio Camacho	NTTU	5 years
August Ngirturong	NAVAD	12 years
Marceliano Castro	Unemployed	
Daniel Santos	NTTU	1 year
Juan Pangelinan	Unemployed	
Nicholas Santos	NAVAD currently in TB ward	
Herman Pangelinan	NAVAD (contract)	1 year
Vicente Lizama	NAVAD	13 years
Jose Santos	Farmer	Steady
Pedro Capileo	NAVAD	10 years
Francisco Agulto	NAVAD	12 years
Roman Reyes	NAVAD	1 year
Vicente S.N. Babauta	NAVAD	9 years
Eleoterio Tebit	NAVAD (contract)	2 years
Edward Flores	NAVAD	10 years
Joaquin Tebit	NAVAD	recent
Jesus Sablan		
Jacinto Faisao		

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A Recapitulation of the 50 Signatures

- 12 Navy employees with an average length of service of 7 years each.
- 7 NTTU employees with an average length of service of 2½ years.
- 5 Farmers with regularly productive commercial farms.
- 7 Employed by Saipanese enterprises.
- 1 Student in High School.
- 1 Patient in TB Ward.
- 1 Prisoner - 3 months.
- 2 Have Municipality -- licensed businesses.
- 1 Was on visit from Guam.
- 1 Fishing with an organized commercial group.
- 3 Regular copra cutters from Agrihan visiting on Saipan.

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