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From: Naval Administrator, U.S. Naval Administration Unit, Navy #935  
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Via: Commander Naval Forces Marianas

Subj: Twelfth Saipan Legislature Resolution Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 dated 21 Nov 1959

- Ref: (a) NAVAD Saipan ltr RHM:wlm 5860 ser 1294 of 24 Nov 1959  
(b) CINCPACFLT msg 080235Z of December 1959  
(c) NAVAD Saipan ltr JPR:rec 5860 ser 1146 of 9 Oct 1959  
(d) CINCPACFLT ltr FF1-1 5860 ser 14/4206 of 17 Oct 1959  
(e) NAVAD Saipan ltr L16 ser 151 of 28 Jan 1954  
(f) OIR ltr 410:ses of 4 Jan 1956

- Encl: (1) Resolution No. 8  
(2) Resolution No. 9  
(3) Resolution No. 10  
(4) Resolution No. 11

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the following are the Naval Administrator's comments and recommendations with respect to enclosures (1) through (4):

a. Resolution No. 8.

(1) Comment

The Naval Administrator by reference (c) noted that the popular appeal of integration should not be underestimated. This appeal based largely on higher wages and U.S. Citizenship, continues undiminished in strength. Despite certain disadvantages, the Naval Administrator believes that numerous future efforts will be made by Saipanese individuals and groups to keep the issue of integration alive and active.

(2) Recommendation.

It is recommended that favorable action be taken on Resolution No. 10 (Increase in Wage Scale) and No. 11 (Immigration). It is believed that this will reduce to some extent the appeal of integration.

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b. Resolution No. 9.

(1) Comment.

At the time of adoption of Resolution No. 9, the Saipan Congress was in receipt of reference (d). The Naval Administrator emphasized the views of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet that absolute security of the fund was essential. However, it appears that the Saipan Legislature still desires that the fund be deposited with the Bank of America with which they are familiar and which they believe may provide a greater yield.

(2) Recommendation.

In view of security, convenience and counseling service provided by present arrangements, the Naval Administrator recommends that the request contained in Resolution No. 9 be denied.

c. Resolution No. 10.

(1) Comment.

In January of 1954 by reference (e) the Naval Administrator recommended a 20% indigenuous wage increase and outlined the reasons. The reasons were justifiable in 1954 and, in view of the constantly increasing cost of living, are even more appropriate at present. This recommendation was denied in 1956 by reference (f) which stated that the increase was not warranted because of, "advice received from Chief of Naval Operations and High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, that present wage rates paid Saipanese employees are far more generous than the wage rates applied in the other five districts of the Trust Territory with respect to their economic levels". As they have long had a higher standard of living, Saipanese resent being compared to other Trust Territory Districts. Saipanese consider themselves as being closely allied with Guam as evidenced by Resolution 8 (Reintegration) and Resolution 11 (Relaxing Immigration Restrictions into Guam).

(2) Recommendation.

The Naval Administrator recommends that steps be taken to provide a 25% wage increase for U.S. Navy employees in the Saipan District.

d. Resolution No. 11.

(1) Comment.

The Saipan Legislature requests that Saipanese people be permitted to enter the Territory of Guam as contract laborers. The Naval Administrator has been informally advised that recent rulings of the U.S. Naturalization and Immigration Service preclude the entry into Guam of Saipanese as contract laborers.

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(2) Recommendation.

It is recommended that efforts be made to permit Saipanese to enter Guam as contract laborers on a more liberal basis.

e. Discussion.

The Aspinall Committee held a short meeting with the Saipan Legislature on 21 November 1959. Three members of the Saipan Legislature made speeches. Medical Practitioner Francisce Palacios made a plea for the return of the Saipan District to the Department of the Interior. Mr. Jose R. Cruz spoke on the subject of integration of Saipan and Guam. Mr. Antonio Diaz urged more economic development for Saipan to offset future unemployment. None of the members of the committee stated an opinion on any of the issues raised and Chairman Aspinall concluded the meeting by saying that the committee would study the matters raised.

RALPH H. MORTENSEN

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TWELFTH SAIPAN LEGISLATURE  
1959 (FOURTEENTH) SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8

INTRODUCED BY: Jesse R. Cruz  
Francisco S. Pangelinan  
Antonio S. Palacios  
Antonio A. Dias  
Gabriel F. Berja

RELATIVE TO REITERATING, CONFIRMING  
AND OTHERWISE RATIFYING THE CONTENTS  
AND PURPOSES OF RESOLUTION NO. 7,  
TWELFTH SAIPAN LEGISLATURE, PERTAINING  
TO THE POLITICAL REINTEGRATION OF THE  
MARIANAS ISLANDS BY INCORPORATING THE  
SAME WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE  
TERRITORY OF GUAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SAIPAN LEGISLATURE:

WHEREAS, the Twelfth Saipan Legislature on the 23rd day of September, 1959, adopted a resolution designated as Resolution No. 7, which resolution petitioned and requested the United Nations to take under serious consideration for future recommendation the reintegration of the Marianas Islands by incorporating them within the framework of the Territory of Guam, which resolution is attached hereto, marked exhibit "A", and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of said Resolution No. 7, a very favorable response and comment was received by the members of the Twelfth Saipan Legislature, particularly by the overwhelming majority of the people of Saipan; and

WHEREAS, the same, if not more, reasons exist for the political reintegration of the Marianas; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this, the present Saipan Legislature does hereby on behalf of the people of Saipan, reiterate, confirm, and ratify the contents and purposes of Resolution No. 7, and that the United States Congressional Committee visiting the Saipan District under the Chairmanship of the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, is memorialized and requested for their keen support and assistance towards this aim; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Twelfth Saipan Legislature does hereby, on behalf of the people of Saipan, respectfully request and petition the Congress of the United States to cause the northern Marianas Islands to be incorporated within the framework of the Territory of Guam; 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 Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the United States Congressional Committee visiting the Saipan District, to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate, to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Secretary of the State, to Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, to Commander Naval Forces Marianas, to the Speaker of the Guam Legislature, to the High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, to Governor of Guam, to the Editor of Guam Daily News, and to the Naval Administrator of the Saipan District.

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Dated this 21st day of November 1959.

AYES:	Jose R. Cruz	ABSTAINED:	William S. Reyes	NAYES:	0
	Gabriel F. Borja		Marnuel T. Sablan		
	Felipe Rusak		Marnuel F. Aldan		
	Bernardo R. Kaipat		Vicente D. Sablan		
	Antonio A. Diaz				
	Juan B. Blanco				
	Antonio S. Palacios				
	Francisco S. Pangelinan				

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 OLYMPIO T. BORJA  
 SPEAKER

ATTESTED:

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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 JOSE R. CRUZ  
 LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

APPROVED this 21st day of November 1959.

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 IGNACIO V. BENAVENTE  
 MAYOR OF SAIPAN



TWELFTH SAIPAN LEGISLATURE  
1959 (FOURTEENTH) SPECIAL SESSION

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2 RESOLUTION NO. 9

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4 RELATIVE TO REFERRING THE RESOLUTION NO. 6  
5 TO THE VISITING UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL  
6 COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR & INSULAR AFFAIRS, TO  
7 REQUEST AND MEMORIALIZE THE COMMITTEE THE  
8 FOREGOING RESOLUTION FOR A RECONSIDERATION  
9 UPON THE RESULT OF THE LETTER OF THE COMMANDER-  
10 IN-CHIEF UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET.

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12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF SAIPAN:

13 WHEREAS, upon the comments and denial of the Commander-in-Chief  
14 (reference enclosure 1) of the resolution in question, the Twelfth Saipan  
15 Legislature acknowledged the same with the less aptitude of the aspects in  
16 which the Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet have taken in consideration to  
17 the effect of the resolution in question; and

18 WHEREAS, the Twelfth Saipan Legislature has been properly sterner  
19 in the belief and assurance of the fact that should this money be deposited  
20 in the Bank of America, which is the only banking facility available and  
21 closest to serve the people of the entire Saipan District and its juris-  
22 diction in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, it will be considered  
23 most essential and properly justified; and

24 WHEREAS, under paragraph THREE (3) (enclosure 1) of the letter  
25 written by the Commander-in-Chief of his comment in reply to resolution  
26 No. 6, it is considered inadequate to furnish the complete solution to  
27 cause the "Just Fact" in compliance with the content of resolution No. 6  
28 (enclosure 2); and

29 WHEREAS, under paragraph FOUR (4) of the reference letter, it is  
30 properly understood as far as the matter of security is concerned, it is  
31 our aspirations that more effective plans of security implied towards the  
welfare of the island, and the principal in which the nature of the Land  
Trust Fund is now being handled, otherwise it will always remain uncertain  
in the minds of the entire people of the Saipan District; and

WHEREAS, the Twelfth Saipan Legislature wishes to emphasize, that  
this action is not motivated upon the basis of any incited medium by the  
people of Saipan to have access of the fund for a widespread individual  
loans, and must not be construed as such; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the fund in question from the Bank of Hawaii  
to the local facility of the Bank of America, with a possible interest  
better than the interest now paid by the Bank of Hawaii, shall and should  
better serve the interest of the people of the Saipan District for any such  
immediate need in the upbuilding of the most important facilities at present  
existent of its exquisite and the impending need for rehabilitations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the foregoing intention of this resolution, it  
is only proper and judicious that the Twelfth Saipan Legislature request the  
visiting United States Congressmen to reconsider the foregoing matter upon  
the nature of circumstances existing accordingly; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary

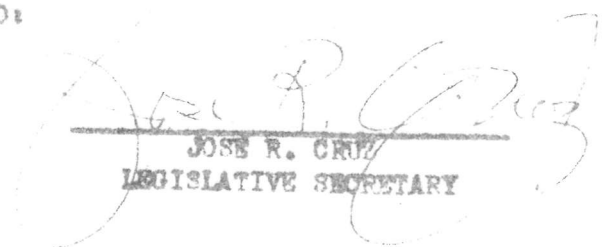
1 to Commander in Chief United States Pacific Fleet, to Commander Naval  
2 Forces Marianas, and to the Naval Administrator of the Saipan District.

3 Dated this 21st day of November 1959

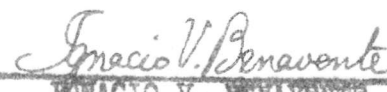
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6 AYES: William F. Reyes ABSTAINED: Vicente D. Sablan NAYES: 0  
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8 Antonio S. Palacios  
9 Gabriel F. Borja  
10 Antonio A. Diaz  
11 Jose R. Cruz  
12 Felipe Puak  
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OLYMPIO T. BORJA  
SPEAKER

ATTESTED:

  
JOSE R. CRUZ  
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

APPROVED this 21st day of November 1959.

  
IGNACIO V. BENAVENTE  
MAYOR OF SAIPAN

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TWELFTH SAIPAN LEGISLATURE  
1959 (FOURTEENTH) SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 10

INTRODUCED BY: Jose R. Cruz

RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING AND  
MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED  
STATES TO ADJUST THE PRESENT WAGE-SCALE  
OF THE DISTRICT OF SAIPAN.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SAIPAN LEGISLATURE:

WHEREAS, the present Wage Scale of the Saipan District was established  
in the year 1948, and continued in force to the present; and

WHEREAS, after eleven years under the same wage scale, our living  
cost and standard had considerably increased due to increment in price of  
commodities; and

WHEREAS, the said wage scale was established in consonance with the  
living standard of the year 1948; and

WHEREAS, living condition of the year 1948 is not comparable with  
today; and

WHEREAS, over ninety percent of the people of Saipan are in debt  
with the local merchants due to their meager and pitiful income; and

WHEREAS, our economic stability could be favorable if we are not  
embraced with much restrictions of entry by foreign nationality due to  
Saipan's strategic location, thus causing much isolation of the area; and

WHEREAS, the people of Saipan, through their duly elected represen-  
tatives had caused several petitions to the authority concerned as to our  
sufferings, but failed to receive favorable considerations; and

WHEREAS, much of our sufferings could be reduce by adding 25 percent  
increment to the present wage scale; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the people of Saipan, we respectfully  
memorialize and petition the United States Congress to adjust the present  
wage scale system of the Saipan District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative  
Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that copies of same be thereafter  
transmitted to the Honorable Wayne M. Aspinall, Chairman of the House of  
the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, visiting the Saipan District,  
to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, to  
the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Secretary of the Navy,  
to the Commander Naval Forces Marianas, to the Naval Administrator, Saipan  
District, to the Chief of Naval Operation, and to the High Commissioner of  
the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.



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Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 1959.


AYES: Manuel T. Sablan  
Jose R. Cruz  
Vicente D. Sablan  
Gabriel F. Borja  
Francisco T. Palacios  
Felipe Ruak  
Antonio S. Palacios  
Francisco S. Pangalinan  
Antonio A. Diaz  
Juan B. Blanco

NAYES: None

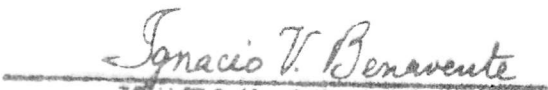
ABSTAINED: None

  
OLYMPIC T. BORJA  
SPEAKER

ATTESTED:

  
JOSE R. CRUZ  
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1959.

  
IGNACIO V. BENAVENTE  
MAYOR OF SAIPAN