

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Op-09B22C/sw

Ser 235P09B2

DATE: 29 March 1961

TO : Op-09B2 m 09B

FROM : Op-09B22C

SUBJECT: Saipan Petition in re annexation to the U.S.

Ref: (a) Mr. O. T. Borja ltr of 20 Mar 1961

Encl: (1) Proposed ltr to Mr. Olympia T. Borja

1. Reference (a) forwarded a petition sponsored by a majority of the Thirteenth Saipan Legislature on behalf of the people of Saipan. This petition requests the United Nations and the U.S. Congress to cause the Saipan District including Rota Island to be incorporated as a territory or possession of the United States.

2. This petition:

- a. Does not specifically request any action from the Navy
- b. Is not an official Saipan legislative action, rather an expression by the majority of the members
- c. Would require an indication of favorable consideration by the Trusteeship Council before the United States would take any action.

3. Enclosure (1), recommended for your signature, acknowledges receipt of the petition, ~~and expresses the hope further development will continue.~~

Very respectfully,



C.E. HERRICK
COMMANDER, USN

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
THIRTEENTH SAIPAN LEGISLATURE

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS

- | | | |
|--|----------------|---|
| J. B. BLANCO, <i>Speaker</i> | March 20, 1961 | V. D. SABLAN, <i>Chairman, Finance & Taxation</i> |
| M. T. SABLAN, <i>Vice-Speaker</i> | | B. R. KAIPAT, <i>Chairman, Education & Labor</i> |
| V. N. SANTOS, <i>Legislative Secretary</i> | | E. P. SABLAN, <i>Chairman, Governmental Operation</i> |
| J. P. RAKER, <i>Legislative Counsel</i> | | J. L. CHONG, <i>Chairman, Public Health & Welfare</i> |
| O. T. BORJA, <i>Chairman, Judiciary</i> | | A. S. PALACIOS, <i>Chairman, Public Works</i> |
| M. T. SABLAN, <i>Chairman, House & Rules</i> | | F. T. PALACIOS, <i>Chairman, Agriculture & Commerce</i> |

United States Department of the Navy
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Burke:

Forwarded herewith is a copy of petition sponsored by a majority of the Thirteenth Saipan Legislature on behalf of the people of Saipan, "Relative to respectfully requesting the United Nations and the congress of the United States of America to take under serious consideration the future annexation of the Saipan District to the United States as a separate and distinct United States Territory."

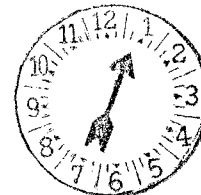
Yours very truly,



O. T. Borja
Representative of all petitioners
and Chairman of the Judiciary
Committee

OTB:hss
Enclosure

RECEIVED
NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE CENTRAL MAIL ROOM
27 MAR 1961



Reg. No. _____
Copy No. _____

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
THIRTEENTH SAIPAN LEGISLATURE
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS

PETITION TO THE UNITED
NATIONS VISITING MISSION

PETITIONED BY: E. P. SABLAN
O. T. BORJA
M. T. SABLAN
B. R. KAIPAT
J. L. CHONG
V. D. SABLAN
F. RUAK
F. RABAULLIAN

RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING AND
MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE UNDER
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION THE FUTURE ANNEXATION
OF THE SAIPAN DISTRICT TO THE UNITED STATES
AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT UNITED STATES
TERRITORY

BE IT PETITIONED BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF SAIPAN:

WHEREAS, the following petitioners represent a majority of the
Thirteen Saipan Legislature in which this petition was submitted on behalf
of the people of Saipan, Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the conflict attendant upon the Second
World War, the United Nations was born, which organization had as one of its
primary purposes the self-government, and self determination of the Trust
Territory of the Pacific Islands and to that end instituted a trusteeship
agreement to assure such self determination to the people under their
trust; and

WHEREAS, under Chapter XII, Article 76, sub paragraph (b) of the
Charter of the United Nations provides that one of the basic objectives of
the trusteeship system shall be: To promote the political, economic, social
and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territories, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations, Chapter XI, declaration
regarding Non-Self Governing Territories in the Article 73, sub paragraph
(b), provides in part as follows: "to develop self-government, to take due

account of the political aspirations of the peoples, and to assist them in the progressive development of their free political institutions, according to the particular circumstances of each territory and its peoples and their varying stages of advancement; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, under the terms of the agreement, has been designated as the administering authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and has assumed the obligation for the government thereof, which said obligations have been discharged and the people of Saipan, Mariana Islands have been well advanced politically, economically, educationally and socially; and

WHEREAS, the people of Saipan District have determined almost unanimously that they strongly desire to become a part of the U. S. and to be granted United States Citizenship, which said desire has been evidenced by the last plebiscite conducted on the 5th day of February 1961, an official copy of the results of which are attached hereto and made a part of this petition; and

WHEREAS, the people of Saipan strongly desire that all of the islands inhabited or uninhabited of the Saipan District be a part of the United States of America in order to acquire national status and become either a possession or a territory upon determination by the United States that the inhabitants are ready, able, and willing to assume such responsibility; and

WHEREAS, if the Saipan District is annexed to the United States of America the inhabitants will advance even further politically, economically, educationally and socially and be assured of national status;

WHEREFORE, IT IS RESPECTFULLY PETITION:

1. That the following members of the Thirteenth Saipan Legislature does hereby on behalf of the people of Saipan, Mariana Islands and in sympathy with the people of all the Saipan District including Rota Island respectfully request and petition the United Nations and the United States Congress to cause the Saipan District including Rota Island to be incorporated into the United States of America as a possession or as a separate

territory of the United States including the granting of United States
Citizenship.

2. That this petition do also serve as a sincere expression and
deep gratitude of all the people of Saipan, Mariana Islands to the United
States, the Administering authority, for their protection and their keen
interest in promoting the advancement of the people, which has made possible
this petition.

3. That these copies of the petition be thereafter transmitted to
His Excellency Carlos Salamanca Figueroa, Chairman of the United Nation
Visiting Mission, 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 Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senate and House,
to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Secretary of the Navy, to the Chief
of Naval Operations, to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, to the
Commander Naval Forces Marianas, to the High Commissioner of the Trust
Territory, to the Naval Administrator of the Saipan District, Chairman of the
Tinian Congress and to the Chairman of Rota Congress.

Dated this 7th day of March 1961.

/s/ E. P. Sablan
E. P. Sablan, Chairman
of the Governmental Operation

/s/ O. T. Borja
O. T. Borja, Chairman of the
Judiciary Committee

/s/ M. T. Sablan
M. T. Sablan, Chairman
of the Rules Committee

/s/ B. R. Kaipat
B. R. Kaipat, Chairman of the
Education and Labor Committee

/s/ J. L. Chong
J. L. Chong, Chairman of the
Public Health and Welfare Committee

/s/ V. D. Sablan
V. D. Sablan, Chairman of the
Finance and Taxation Committee

/s/ F. Ruak
F. Ruak, member of the
Education and Labor Committee

/s/ F. Rabauliman
F. Rabauliman, Vice-Chairman of
the Education and Labor Committee

OFFICIAL TABULATION OF PLEBISCITE HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 1961 CONCERNING
FUTURE POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS

A. Explanation of each box as follows:

Box No. 1 - Do you desire to become U. S. Citizen within the political frame work of Government of Guam (Unification with Guam)

Box No. 2 - Do you desire to become U. S. Citizen by becoming a separate Territory of the United States (Annexation with U. S. A.)

Box No. 3 - Do you desire to remain in the same status as present.

Box No. 4 - Other wishes.

B. Casted Vote by district

<u>Place of District</u>	<u>Vote for Box No. 1</u>	<u>Vote for Box No. 2</u>	<u>Vote for Box No. 3</u>	<u>Vote for Box No. 4</u>	<u>Vote Void</u>	<u>Total</u>
District #1	243	41	0	0	2	286
District #2	259	84	0	0	2	345
District #3	232	126	7	0	2	367
District #4	39	300	2	0	0	341
District #5	150	51	0	0	0	201
District #6	213	35	1	0	1	250
District #7	140	76	4	0	0	220
District #8	91	74	7	0	1	173
District #9	129	6	0	0	0	135
District #10	28	8	0	0	0	36
Portable						
Ballot Voting	<u>33</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Votes	1557	818	21	0	8	2404

C. Breakdown of casted votes on percentage basis

For Box No. 1 - 64.8%
 For Box No. 2 - 34.0%
 Other No. - 0.2%
 Total - 100.0%

D. Breakdown on total eligible voters

Total registered voters of Saipan	- 2,847
Total voters of Northern Islands	- 153
Total casted votes	2,404
Total failing votes	596

E. Breakdown of total eligible voters on percentage basis

For Box No. 1	- 51.9%
For Box No. 2	- 27.2%
For absent vote	- 19.8%
For Miscellaneous	- <u>01.1%</u>
Total	100.0%

F. Breakdown of total eligible voters on percentage basis

Casted votes	- 80.4%
Failed to vote	- <u>19.6%</u>
Total	- 100.0%

We, the select committee hereby certify that the above record of plebiscite is a true and correct.

/s/ O. T. Borja
Olympio T. Borja, Chairman

/s/ J. C. Cabrera
Jose C. Cabrera, Vice-Chairman

/s/ M. T. Sablan
Manuel T. Sablan, Member

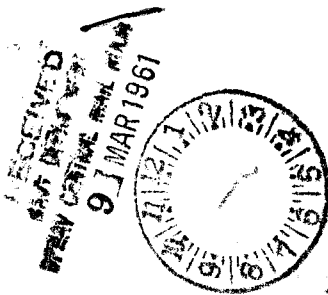
/s/ V. D. Sablan
Vicente D. Sablan, Member

/s/ F. T. Palacios
Francisco T. Palacios, Member

/s/ A. S. Palacios
Antonio S. Palacios, Member

/s/ B. R. Caipat
Benusto R. Caipat, Member

/s/ V. N. Santos
Vicente N. Santos, Member



U.S. TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
SAIPAN DISTRICT

B
C-10
B

10 February 1961

From: The Saipan Carolinian Community
To: The United Nations Visiting Mission

Subj: Request for serious consideration of the well-being and existence of the Carolinian Community in regard to the Reintegration issue of the Marianas

Dear Messrs:

It is humbly requested that serious consideration be given to the Carolinian Community on Saipan by the Visiting Mission in regard to the Reintegration of the Northern Marianas into the framework of the Territory of Guam for the following reasons:

1. The Carolinian population of the Northern Marianas which amounted to approximately 25%, or more, of the total population of this District are descendants of those Carolinians who have settled in the Northern Marianas between 1810 and 1869, at the time when the Northern Marianas islands were uninhabited.
2. The Carolinian Community since then have kept their traditional customs and identity in spite of continuous immigrations from Guam, Philippine, Japan and others.
3. The Carolinian population have been living peacefully as farmers, fishermen, laborers and servants up to this date and are law-abiding, withstanding all servile and discriminative treatment, as we were always considered racially inferior by our fellowmen.
4. The Carolinian people do not consider Reintegration with Guam since it will not provide any advantage ethnically, socially, politically and economically.
5. We are fully in agreement with the United Nations objectives for a final self-government instead of re-integration with an unincorporated and non-self governing territory which will not be in the best interest of the people of this district, especially the Carolinians.
6. We, the minority racial extract (Carolinian) therefore, request the United Nations Visiting Mission to seriously consider the well-being and existence of the Carolinian people as well as

Re Carolinian Petition 2 475
Saipan

their Chamorro neighbors that if we became politically, socially, and economically prepared to assume our self-government, to accede to our petition of direct annexation by the United States of American so that we may acquire status as an entity.

- 7. We fervently request the U. N. Visiting Mission to convey this petition to the proper authority of the United Nations Organization for proper action.

Respectfully,

E. P. Sablan
Elias P. Sablan
Representing

Signed by the Carolinian tribal Elders:

Benusto Kaipat <u><i>Benusto Kaipat</i></u>	Antonio Nogolifoi <u><i>Antonio Rogolifoi</i></u>
Juan Olopai <u><i>Juan Olopai</i></u>	Pedro Apolisan <u><i>Pedro Apolisan</i></u>
David Marsiano <u><i>David Marsiano</i></u>	Jose Fitipol <u><i>Jose Fitipol</i></u>
Simion Olopai <u><i>Simion Olopai</i></u>	Francisco Tilipao <u><i>Francisco Tilipao</i></u>
Eduard Peter <u><i>Eduard Peter</i></u>	Antonio Mangarero <u><i>Antonio Mangarero</i></u>
Antonio Terageyo <u><i>Antonio Terageyo</i></u>	Benigno Kabauliman <u><i>Benigno Kabauliman</i></u>
Antonio Pialur <u><i>Antonio Pialur</i></u>	Jose Olopai <u><i>Jose Olopai</i></u>
Vicente Lines <u><i>Vicente Lines</i></u>	Jose Lisua <u><i>Jose Lisua</i></u>
Antonio Angailen <u><i>Antonio Angailen</i></u>	Enrique Ilo <u><i>Enrique Ilo</i></u>
Jose Mettau <u><i>Jose Mettau</i></u>	Pedro Malite <u><i>Pedro Malite</i></u>

Copy to:
Secretary of States, Washington D. C.
Secretary of the Navy, Washington D. C.
Chief of Naval Operations
Commander In Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet
Commander Naval Forces Marianas
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Naval Administrator, Saipan District
File

2 175