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Opening Statement by Ambassador Eugenie Anderson, United States Representative to the Trusteeship Council on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands June 27, 1966

My Delegation is pleased to participate once again in the Trusteeship Council's discussion of the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. I am especially delighted to be able to represent the United States for the first time in this Council, one of the major organs of the United Nations.

Let me begin by emphasizing, Mr. President, the seriousness with which my Government seeks to fulfill the political, economic, educational, and social development obligations we accepted under the Charter of the United Nations and under the Trusteeship Agreement. I know from my own visit to the Trust Territory last Autumn the progress which has been made. I also know that much more needs to be done. The pace of progress has quickened dramatically in the past few years. Although the advances in each of these fields will be described more extensively in the High Commissioner's Report, I would like to mention here, simply by way of emphasis, some of the more significant developments that are presently under way.

An agenda item for this 33rd Session is the report by the World Health Organization of its findings on health conditions in the Trust Territory. The report, Mr. President, is a highly constructive document. Its findings confirm our view that we have much to do in the field of public health before we can meet the self-imposed standards enunciated by the late President Kennedy. My Government is aware of the needs and is pressing forward vigorously with an expanded program of corrective measures which the Special Representative will mention in detail.

There is currently before the United States Congress a proposal to authorize the appropriation of \$172 million for capital expenditures in the Trust Territory over the next five years, in addition to an expanded operating budget, totalling \$152 million, for the five-year period. If these sums are appropriated, the United States will be tripling its annual rate of expenditure in the Territory. I believe

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this request to the Congress quite impressively bespeaks of the seriousness with which my Government takes its obligation as Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

My Government has also recently announced its intention to send some 400 Peace Corps Volunteers to the Trust Territory during the next few months. In the words of President Johnson, these young Americans are being asked "through their helping hand and assistance" to welcome Micronesians "to our world community." As I'm sure the Council appreciates, the potential for assisting Micronesian development that is represented by this able and enthusiastic group of young Americans offers prospects of a breath-taking nature.

The Government of the United States is happy to be able to inform the Trusteeship Council that negotiations between Japan and the United States, in its capacity of Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, in accordance with Article 4(A) of the peace treaty with Japan, have been resumed with a renewed vigor. In the course of the negotiations the problem of the claims of Micronesian residents against Japan is being discussed. The United States Government has appointed a special representative for the purpose who is currently negotiating the problem with officials of the Government of Japan. While the United States Government is not now in a position to describe the terms and timing of settlement possibilities under discussion every effort is being made to ensure that the question will be disposed of by both governments in a fashion which does full equity to the interests concerned.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to the progress that is being made in the area of Micronesian political development. I was personally exhilarated and inspired by the many conversations which I had last Fall with the young political leaders of Micronesia. Although the High Commissioner will discuss the specific achievements towards political maturity, I would simply state at this point that the young Congress of Micronesia has demonstrated itself to be an enthusiastic and energetic legislative body. We are deeply impressed, Mr. President, with its strong commitment to democratic forms of social action.

I would conclude by noting that we Americans are very aware that much remains to be done in Micronesia in working with the people of this Trust Territory to achieve the sense of fulfillment and satisfaction in their lives which we in my country have come to expect. The initiatives which have recently been announced will continue our effort to lead to Micronesia's full participation in the accelerated political, social and economic development which characterizes so many parts

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of the globe today.

And now, Mr. President, I want to introduce the new Acting High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, Mr. William Norwood, who will give the Council a more detailed report. Since this is the first year that Mr. Norwood will be serving as this Delegation's Special Representative, I might take just a short moment to introduce him. He comes to the position of High Commissioner from his former post as Administrative Director of the State of Hawaii in the office of the Governor. In that position Mr. Norwood served as executive assistant to the Governor and was responsible for coordinating the programs of the various departments of the State Government.

Mr. Norwood was a resident of Hawaii for 32 years. During that period he witnessed and participated in the political, economic and sociological developments as Hawaii progressed from a non-self governing territory to statehood. This transition was comparable to progressive changes now taking place in Micronesia.

I would also like to introduce Mr. Francis Nuuan who will be serving this Delegation as an Adviser. Mr. Nuuan is currently Treasurer of the Yap Island Congress, and in 1965, was elected as one of the two members from the Yap District to the House of Delegates, Congress of Micronesia. With the Council's approval, Mr. Nuuan will make a brief statement later.

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