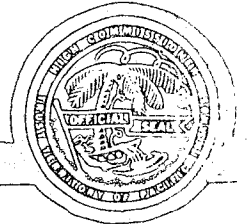


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## TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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### PRESIDENT INVITED TO VISIT TRUST TERRITORY

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

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Mar. 13 . . . High Commissioner W.R. Norwood has invited President Lyndon B. Johnson to visit Saipan during his forthcoming Conference with his senior advisers and diplomatic and military leaders in Guam next week.

In extending this invitation High Commissioner Norwood said in part:

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"It is, therefore, my extreme privilege and honor to extend to you in behalf of the citizens of Micronesia, the Trust Territory Government, and the Congress of Micronesia, a most cordial invitation to visit Saipan during your conference on Guam."

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The text of the High Commissioner's letter follows:

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March 13, 1967

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We have learned today of your plans to establish the Territory of Guam as your headquarters for "a Vietnam War Conference."

I know only too well of the many demands for your time and attention during normal times and I can only speculate that these demands are increased a hundredfold in times like these.

Those of us associated directly with the Trust Territory of the Pacific--Micronesia--are extremely proud of the fine cooperation that we have received from the Micronesians and we are doubly aware of their pride and their intense loyalty to the American Government.

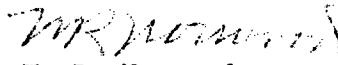
It is, therefore, my extreme privilege and honor to extend to you in behalf of the citizens of Micronesia, the Trust Territory Government, and the Congress of Micronesia a most cordial invitation to visit Saipan during your conference on Guam.

Saipan (Mariana Islands), the Capital of the Trust Territory, is less than an hour's flying time from Guam. Here on Saipan is located the "Headquarters" for the Trust Territory Government as well as the Congress of Micronesia. In addition, Saipan is also the District Center for the Mariana Islands and the seat of the Marianas District Legislature.

No other United States President has ever visited this territory and no single event could do more to underscore the genuine concern of the United States of America for the people of Micronesia than a visit by the President of the United States.

All of us hope that you will find it possible to extend your itinerary to include a visit to Saipan and I am confident that such a visit would provide a strong and invaluable thrust to our efforts and our program in this important area of the Pacific.

Faithfully yours,



W. R. Norwood  
High Commissioner

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