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May 8, 1969

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of United State of America
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am sending you a copy of my statement and position relative to Marianas Integration in relation to the future political status of Micronesia.

In the statement you will see clearly that I am in favor of Marianas's integration within the context of Free Associated States of Micronesia with the United States.

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It is my opinion that it will be highly undesirable for economic and military strategic point of view to allow Marianas to integrate and secede from the rest of the Micronesia's future political status.

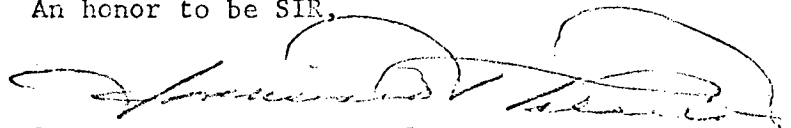
I believe that if Marianas is allowed to establish her own union outside the political status of Micronesia, the United States will have established a precedent that anyone district or group of districts within and between the island districts may also be allowed to establish a political status of their choice outside the rest of island groups. Palau and Yap may then elect an internal self-government in free association with United States; Truk and Ponape may choose to be independent; and Marshalls will not unlikely join Nauru.

I seriously doubt that this type of arrangement will be within the interest of Micronesia and United States.

May I have your personal opinion or views, if not, then the United States's policy, whether fragmentation of the districts will be allowed.

I urgently need this information to strengthen or alter my position as a member of the Future Political Status Commission of the Congress of Micronesia.

An honor to be SIR,



Senator Francisco T. Palacios
Member, Future Political Status Commission
Congress of Micronesia.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Secretary of State

Date: May 15, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
 - President's signature.
 - Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

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Prompt action is essential.

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Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Senator Francisco T. Palacios, Mbr, Future Political Status Commission, Congress of Micronesia, Saipan, Mariana Islands

Date: 5/8/69

Subject: Enclosing copy of his statement and position re Marianas Integration in relation to the future political status of Micronesia. Requests P's views.

By direction of the President:

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

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