

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
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Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to transmit your copy of Resolution No. 17-1969 for your consideration, "A resolution relative to respectfully memorializing and requesting the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, to transfer administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands from the U. S. Department of the Interior to the U. S. Department of State," duly adopted by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature on its August, 1969 session.

Sincerely yours,

Luis S. Camacho
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Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-1969
INTRODUCED BY HON. VICENTE N. SANTOS, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZING AND REQUESTING THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO TRANSFER ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WHEREAS, under authority granted the President of the United States in Title 48, Chapter 14 of the United States Code, the U.S. Department of the Interior was designated by him as the agency of the United States Government to have the responsibility for the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, except for Saipan, Tinian and the Northern Marianas, which was placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the United States Department of the Navy in 1947; and

WHEREAS, while under the administration of the United States Department of the Navy, the inhabitants in Tinian, Saipan and the Northern Marianas enjoyed progressive development politically, educationally and socially until these islands were taken over by the United States Department of the Interior in 1962; and

WHEREAS, since July, 1962 when the United States Department of the Interior assumed administrative authority over the entire Trust Territory, the development of the inhabitants of this area has been stagnant if not retarded due to the lack of policies and programs adequate to satisfy the needs, aspiration and desires of the local inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, when one views the limited development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory during twenty five years under the administrative control of the United States Department of the Interior, it is inescapably clear that the Department of the Interior lacks the capability of developing sound policies and programs designed to meet the needs of the inhabitants of this area; and

WHEREAS, by all standards, the United States Department of the Interior has failed in carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of the United States Government in this area, probably due to the fact that the Department of the Interior was established primarily as an agency to preserve national historic areas in their natural habitat as against being basically and philosophically oriented in developing human beings politically, educationally, socially; and

WHEREAS, when one looks at the plight of the American Indians whose faith was entrusted to the Department of the Interior for about one hundred years, it can be easily seen that this department is simply incapable of adequately dealing with the day to day problems of human beings; and

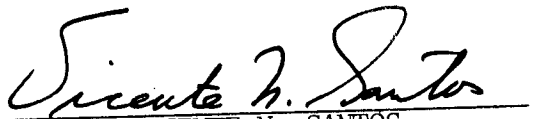
WHEREAS, the United States Department of State is oriented primarily in dealing with foreign areas and maintains a Foreign Service Corps where training is provided individuals whose jobs will bring them into contact with people in foreign areas in order to better equip them to capably carry out their assigned duties; and


WHEREAS, the sensitivity of this area of the world has reached a point where further neglect and delay on the part of the United States Government in meeting its responsibilities and obligations as outlined in the Trusteeship Agreement with the United Nations, will likely result in causing serious international repercussions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States be and he hereby is respectfully memorialized and requested to transfer administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands from the United States Department of the Interior to the United States Department of State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Director of the Office of Territories, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Department of State, the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs, of the United States Congress, the Senate and House Committees on Foreign Affairs of the United States Congress.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AUGUST 26, 1969.


VICENTE N. SANTOS
President


DANIEL T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary