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3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
P. O. BOX 218 SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

March 11, 1970

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. President:

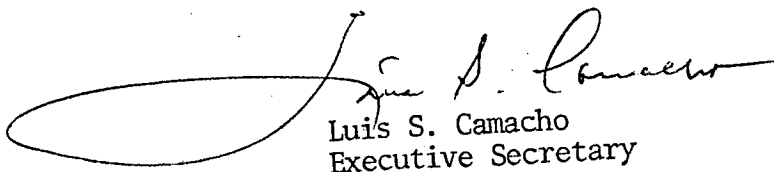
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It is my pleasure to transmit your copies of Resolutions No. 13-1970 and 16-1970, duly adopted by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature on its February, 1970, 3rd. Regular Session.

The above Resolutions are for your consideration. It is hoped that the people's prayers in the enclosed Resolutions, etc. may be noted and considered.

Thank you very much for your time.

Yours very truly,


Luis S. Camacho
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

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THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 13-1970

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-1970
INTRODUCED BY HON. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY
MEMORIALIZING AND REQUESTING THE UNITED
NATIONS TO EFFECT THE IMMEDIATE REINTEGRATION
OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS WITH THE TERRITORY OF
GUAM AS IS ENVISIONED UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IN CONSONANT WITH THE
OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS'S EXPRESSED
POLICY IN THE INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the petition of the people of the Mariana Islands, as demonstrated in a district-wide Special Poll held on November 9, 1969, that the inhabitants of this district still favor the reintegration of the Marianas with Guam, as was the case in the plebiscites held in 1961 and 1963; and

WHEREAS, in the recent Special Poll held in the Mariana Islands District, the attached certified results show that the majority of the voters favor the reintegration of the Mariana with the Territory of Guam; and

WHEREAS, one of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System, established under Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, is to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the Trust Territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence according to the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned; and

WHEREAS, for nearly twenty (20) years the people of the Mariana Islands District have petitioned this World Organization and the administering authority to allow them to obtain that future political status best suited

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to their needs and that is desired by the people concerned, but during the past two (2) decades, the pleas and desires of the people concerned have been ignored; and

WHEREAS, in the course of human events and the inevitability of social, political and economic affinity, and by virtue of the natural pursuit of life and happiness, the majority of the inhabitants in the Mariana group are of Guamanian descent, who are entirely similar in culture, language, customs and ethnic background, and thereby could prosper by such union; and

WHEREAS, we are fully aware of the desire of the administering authority to make the people of the Trust Territory one and not allow the so-called "fragmentation of the area," but are forced to point out that several trusteeships under the jurisdiction of the United Nations have been allowed to divide their territories according to the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned; and

WHEREAS, to be forced to become one people and one country among such a diversified mixture of races who are entirely dis-similar, the inhabitants of this district, by reason of minority will undoubtedly cause to suffer the inconveniences attendant in the conglomeration of races with marked differences culturally, politically, and socially; and

WHEREAS, that it is cognizant before the people of the world, the United Nations, on many occasions have demonstrated the deepest respect for the other people of the world and has always been ready and prepared to support and defend the rights of the people, the only exception is the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

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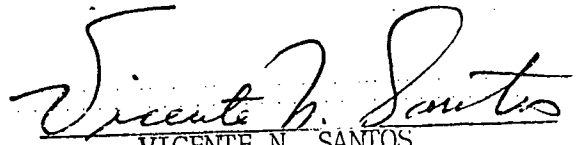
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the United Nations be and hereby is respectfully memorialized and requested to effect the immediate reintegration of the Mariana Islands with the Territory of Guam as is envisioned under the Doctrine of Human Rights, and in consonant with the objectives of the United Nation's expressed policy in the International Declaration of Human Rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof, and thereafter transmitted copies of the same to the District Administrator, Mariana Islands District, High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Governor, Territory of Guam, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, President of the United States of America, President of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, and the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 18, 1970.


VICENTE N. SANTOS
President


DANIEL T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary

3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1970

3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1970
INTRODUCED BY HON. VICENTE N. SANTOS, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZING
AND REQUESTING THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO EITHER
USE THE EXISTING RETENTION AREAS ON SAIPAN OR RELEASE
THEM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, immediately after the invasion of Saipan in World War II, the
victorious U.S. military forces proclaimed that certain areas were to be
retained as "Retention Areas," to be used by the U.S. Department of
Defense at anytime; and

WHEREAS, at a later date, the U.S. Defense Department entered into an
agreement with the Trust Territory Government for the designation and use of
such lands as "retention lands," without the consent or approval of the
local legislative bodies or any community leaders; and

WHEREAS, under provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Former
Japanese Mandated Islands, the administering authority is given the right to
make use of facilities of the trust territory to ensure that the trust
territory play its part in the maintenance of international peace and
security, but there is no showing that by having these retention areas
now has any relationship to international peace and security; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, no retention areas on Saipan are being
used by the United States Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, with our natural resources being so limited, tourism is the
most promising long-range industry, and every effort must be made to begin
utilizing our most suitable beach areas to construct hotel and
recreational facilities that are located within existing retention areas;

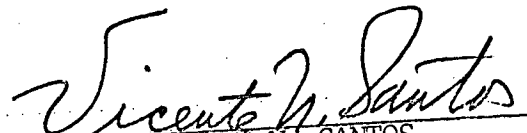
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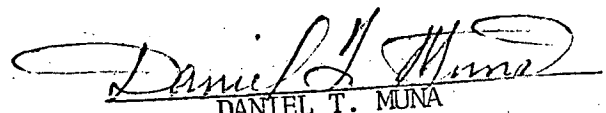
WHEREAS, this Legislature wishes to go on record of supporting the policy of either using the retention areas or releasing them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the administering authority be and hereby is respectfully memorialized and requested to either use existing retention areas on Saipan or release them for economic development; 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 District Administrator, Marianas, High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, Secretary of the U.S. Department of State, the President of the United States of America and to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 18, 1970.


VICENTE N. SANTOS
President


DANIEL T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Date: March 16, 1970

To: The Secretary of the Interior

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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.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

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

REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Luis S. Camacho, Exec. Sec., 3rd Mariana Islands Dist. Legislature, P.O. Box 218, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Date: 3/11/70

Subject: Transmits copies of two resolutions adopted by the Legislature; (1) Requesting administering authority to either use the existing retention areas on Saipan or release them for economic development; (2) Requesting UN to effect immediate reintegration of the Mariana Islands with the Territory of Guam as is envisioned under the Doctrine of Human Rights.

By direction of the President:

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

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