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September 16, 1970

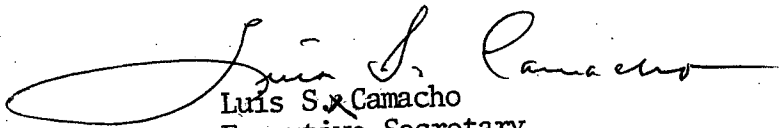
The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

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Dear Mr. President:

Transmitted herewith your copy of Resolution No. 12-1970, "A resolution relative to endorsing the proposal to establish a Commonwealth of Micronesia and urging that such proposal be submitted directly to the people of the Mariana Islands District for their endorsement and proceed with its implementation in the Marianas until the other districts are ready to decide," duly and regularly adopted by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature during its current regular session, August, 1970, for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Luis S. Camacho
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 12-1970
INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO ENDORSING THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF MICRONESIA AND URGING THAT SUCH PROPOSAL BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT FOR THEIR ENDORSEMENT AND PROCEED WITH ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE MARIANAS UNTIL THE OTHER DISTRICTS ARE READY TO DECIDE

WHEREAS, in accordance with its obligation under provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America, it was agreed, among other things, that the development of the inhabitants shall be promoted towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances; and

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of this obligation, the United States of America has offered a new status of internal self-government-the Commonwealth of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, this offer gives to the inhabitants of the Trust Territory those rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, with internal control of the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of the government; and

WHEREAS, under this arrangement, the Trust Territory would become a part of the United States of America, with the inhabitants thereof being entitled to all the rights, privileges, benefits and obligations to the same extent as any other Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Future Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia has, in effect, rejected this proposal without any authority from the people concerned; and

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WHEREAS, the records will clearly show that the people of Marianas have actively sought a partnership with the United States for the past 15 years, and a clear majority of the people in the Mariana Islands District have voted to become a part of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, as representatives of the people of this district, it should be made clear that the Mariana Islands District Legislature will not be bound by the decision of the Future Political Status Commission of the Congress of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the other five (5) districts of the Trust Territory are free to become independent if they so desire, but the people in the Marianas will insist upon a government connected only with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, if bloodshed is to be avoided, the officials of the United States Government are urged to submit the Commonwealth proposal directly to the people of the Marianas and if favorably voted upon, proceed to establish the Commonwealth and let the other districts remain as they are until they are developed to the point where they desire to join the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the proposal to establish a Commonwealth of Micronesia be and hereby is endorsed and the Administering Authority is urged that such proposal be submitted directly to the people of the Mariana Islands District for their endorsement, and proceed with its implementation in the Marianas until the other districts are ready to decide;

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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 General Assembly of the United Nations, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the Security Council of the United Nations, members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, members of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of State, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the High Commissioner, the President of the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia, the Speaker of the House, Congress of Micronesia, and the District Administrator for the Mariana Islands District.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AUGUST 21, 1970.

Felipe A. Salas
VICENTE N. SANTOS
Acting President

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DANIEL T. MONA
Legislative Secretary

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