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Honorable Mr. Richard M. Nixon President of the United States of America Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Attached please find a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Casper W. Weinberger, Secretary for Health, Education and Welfare relative to a possible catastrophe being perpetrated against the people of the Trust Territory of Micronesia consisting of a complete overcharge and reckless expenditures of vital funds.

Respectfully,

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Attachment

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Mr. Casper W. Weinberger Secretary Health, Education and Welfare Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary Weinberger:

I am writing directly to you because action must be taken now to avoid a possible catastrophe being perpetrated against the people of the Trust Territory of Micronesia consisting of a complete overcharge and reckless expenditures of vital funds.

To begin with the people of the Trust Territory will only be getting two thirds of the amount of dispensaries and clinics they should get for the money being paid out, \$1,600,000.00 for 37 units, where 50 units or more could easily be erected for the same amount.

Secondly but by far not less important, the units to be erected are to be made of enclosed polyurethane, a highly volitale material that in case of fire creates a deadly toxic gas. These are a fact as evidence by the enclosed. If you recall the victims of the recent Varig Airlines crashed at Orly airfield in France died not from the crash but from the poisonous gases created by the fire; they used the same material. Certainly, a clinic, dispensary or a small hospital must be considered sanctuary against perishing by fire or fumes while there.

Thirdly and highly essential to local development progress, the materials recommended for construction can be produced right here on Guam rather than North Miami Florida, which I believe is sufficiently developed, as compared to this area. Micronesians can be trained locally to produce and erect the units that they are to benefit from, on a self-help basis, which in fact determines more units can be erected in more areas for the same amount of money, and in the meantime an active manufacturing capability can put more money in circulation in this area where it is so dearly needed.

For actual verification of the above, I suggest that you contact Dr. Parker who is the chief of material testing, Ames Aeronautical Laboratories, Moffitt Field, Mt. View, California or Mr. L. E. Shea, 165 Lake Drive, San Bruno, California.

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Finally where we are entrusted to the health and welfare of these people, let us use the word TRUST as in Trust Territory just as Mr. Webster defines it.

Respectfully,

HI-STEEL ASIA, INC.

Edward J. Fadgen President

Enclosure

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