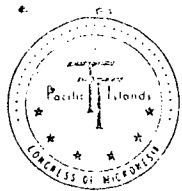


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The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger  
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for National Security Affairs  
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Dear Mr. Kissinger:

The leadership of the Congress of Micronesia will be coming to Washington, D. C. in early September. The principal purpose of our trip will be to appear before the Civil Aeronautics Board in connection with an air route proceeding that is critical to our future. That proceeding involves new service to be established between Saipan and Japan. We have been urging the Civil Aeronautics Board to use this route to give the carrier serving our six districts access to Japan. Such service would enable us to develop our tourism and trade interest with Japan, which obviously is our primary marketplace. Development of tourism and trade with Japan is essential to the development of an economically self-sufficient Micronesia.

While we are in Washington, we would like to take the opportunity to meet briefly with you and your staff. We would like to do so to review this air route matter which is of the utmost importance to us and we believe ultimately relates to the United States' commitments under its Trusteeship Agreement. We also would like to meet with you to discuss certain matters relating to our ongoing political status discussion.

We plan to arrive in Washington on the 9th of September. We would like to meet with you on the 10th or 11th. Our appearance before the Civil Aeronautics Board is set for the 12th. We could come a few days earlier if this would suit your convenience. We would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

TOSIWO NAKAYAMA  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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