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Dear Mr. Secretary:

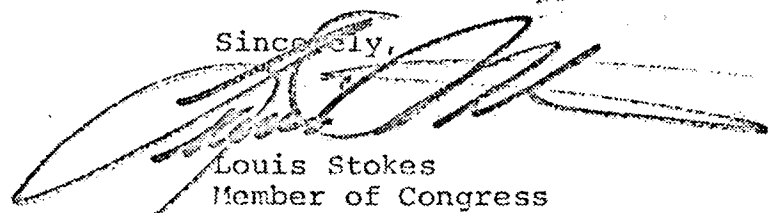
It has been brought to my attention that the United States is proposing to take over a major portion of the Island of Tinian, in the Mariana Islands archipelago, for a military complex.

This is a disturbing situation, if indeed the United States has violated its promises, as indicated in the attached letter, and now intends to take over the island without the agreement of or compensation to those directly involved.

Several points in the letter relate to areas for which you have major responsibility. I would greatly appreciate your clarifying this matter for me and providing me with the justification for what has occurred and what is now ostensibly proposed.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Louis Stokes
Member of Congress

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