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THE SENATE
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
CAPITOL HILL * SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

PRESIDENT
Toshiwo Nakayama

March 24, 1975

VICE PRESIDENT
Lazarus E. Saffi

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

FLOOR LEADER
Ambitos Jehsi

Re: Service to Saipan Case
CAB Docket No. 24421

YAP DISTRICT
Petras Tum
John A. Mangalat

Dear Mr. President:

TRUK DISTRICT
Toshiwo Nakayama
Andon Amaraich

At the outset it is my honor to extend to you my belated congratulations for your accession to the Presidency of the United States, as previously expressed in Senate Resolution No. 15, adopted August 9, 1974 by the Fifth Congress of Micronesia, First Special Session, 1974.

PONAPE DISTRICT
Bailey Oiler
Ambitos Jehsi

Also, as a former member of the Marianas Political Status Commission, I would like to extend my appreciation for the work of Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, his Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations, and members of the United States Delegation in concluding an agreement between the United States of America and the Northern Mariana Islands which will provide for a close and lasting association between our respective jurisdictions.

PALAU DISTRICT
Lazarus E. Saffi
Roman Tmetuchl

In connection with the above, and as the senior senator from the Mariana Islands District, I should like to respectfully apprise you that I have carefully and closely followed, over the past several years, the circumstances and events connected with the Service to Saipan Case, CAB Docket No. 24421. It is my considered opinion that Pan American Airlines should be awarded the route for the following reasons.

MARSHALLS DISTRICT
Amata Kabua
Witfred I. Kendahl

MARIANAS DISTRICT
Olympio T. Sorja
Edward G.C. Pangalanan

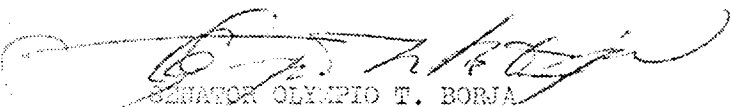
1. **ECONOMIC IMPACT.** While selection of Pan American will be of benefit to all of Micronesia (which would also be the case should any other airline be chosen) it will have a prime impact on the people of the Mariana Islands District and, therefore, the desires of my people in this regard should be given the weight commensurate with such impact. Furthermore, I should also point out that

awarding of the route will also be beneficial to Pan American, which has lately experienced financial difficulties.

2. COMPETITION. One of the main underpinnings of a free enterprise system in a democratic government is that of competition. It is my judgement, based on such facts as Pan Am's serving the Pacific area since 1947 and its long established Guam-Japan route, that only this airline can effectively and profitably compete with Japan's national carrier, Japan Air Lines, and promote its service in the Japanese market. Neither Continental Airlines nor Northwest Orient Airlines have that capability.
3. POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. Only the Northern Mariana Islands are seeking a permanent relationship with the United States of America, while the other districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands are taking a direction toward a less permanent association. We, therefore, again ask that the desires of the people of the Mariana Islands District, who will be most affected, be weighed appropriately.

Mr. President, for over two decades now, my constituents have repeatedly requested to be a part of the American political family. This long-deferred dream now appears about to become reality. A Covenant between the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States of America was signed by both parties on February 15, 1975, and has subsequently been ratified unanimously by the District Legislature of the Marianas. Authorization of funds for transition to a new status for my people has already been approved by the United States Senate, and favorable consideration is expected in the United States House of Representatives. We also anticipate a positive vote by the people of the Marianas on the Covenant sometime in June of this year, and separate administration of our district may be possible by as early as July 1975. Therefore, just as we look forward eagerly and with hope to the Covenant becoming effective, we also look to the United States Government to support our desires, economic aspirations and needs with regard to the Service to Saipan Case, and it is my hope, in this connection, that the Civil Aeronautics Board and your Office will act favorably in our behalf, so that in the end, both the interests of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States of America will be fully served.

Very truly yours,



SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA
Senator, Mariana Islands District
Congress of Micronesia

cc: Richard O'Mella, Acting Director
Civil Aeronautics Board

Bogers C.D. Morton, Secretary,
Department of the Interior

James R. Schlesinger, Secretary
Department of Defense

F. Haydn Williams, Office of Micronesian
Status Negotiations, Dept. of the Interior

Emmett Rice, Acting Director, Dept. of
Territorial Affairs, Dept. of the Interior

A. B. Won Pat, Jr., United States Representative, Guam

William T. Seawell, President
Pan American Airways

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Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue

Kent Sitten, Director, Pan
American Airways, Guam

Vicente M. Santos, President
Marianas District Legislature

Edward DLG. Pangelinan, Chairman
Marianas Political Status Commission

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NORTHERN MARIANAS PLEBISCITE
Estimated Budget

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
<u>Plebiscite Commissioner</u>		
Consultant fee (based on 80 days)	\$11,500	
Per diem (Consultation Washington and New York plus duty in Saipan)		\$ 3,300
Consultation travel (U.S.)		\$ 200
Round trip - Boston-Saipan		\$ 3,100
<u>Executive Director (TTPI Staff)</u>		
Travel and per diem		\$ 300
<u>Secretary (American, locally hired)</u>	\$ 1,500	
<u>Plebiscite Education Program</u>		
<u>Program Administrator (TT Staff)</u>	No cost	
<u>Information Specialist (U.S.)</u>	\$ 3,000	
Travel and per diem		\$ 3,600
<u>Information Specialists (local)</u>	No cost	\$ 200
Broadcasting--radio/TV		
Publications/printing		
Schools and community relations		
<u>Staff</u>	No cost	\$ 200
<u>Translator (Chamorro)</u>		
<u>Translator (Carolinian)</u>		
<u>Secretary (trilingual)</u>		
Local travel and per diem	_____	\$ 2,300
	\$16,000	\$ 13,200

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
	\$16,000	\$13,200
<u>Plebiscite Advisory Committee</u>		
<u>Secretary</u>	No cost	
Travel and per diem		\$ 500
<u>Voter Registration Board</u>		
<u>Executive Officer</u>	No cost	
<u>Secretary</u>	No cost	
<u>Clerk</u>	No cost	
Travel and per diem		\$ 3,000
<u>Program and materials</u>		
<u>Commissioner's office</u>		
Materials and Supplies		\$ 1,000
Travel and per diem		\$ 1,500
Representation		\$ 500
Transportation (ship and/or air transport to northern islands)		\$ 4,000
<u>Plebiscite Advisory Committee</u>	No cost	
Office rental		\$ 1,300
Publications and notices		\$ 1,000
<u>Voter Registration Board</u>		
Materials and Supplies		\$ 2,000
<u>Plebiscite Education Program</u>		
Publications		\$ 6,000
	\$16,000	\$34,000
		\$16,000
TOTAL		\$50,000