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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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As the Congressional representative of the territory of Guam, I am greatly disturbed by reports that with official knowledge and endorsement, the Central Intelligence Agency has been conducting electronic eavesdropping of representatives of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands during the period while they were negotiating with U.S. representatives for a permanent political affiliation.

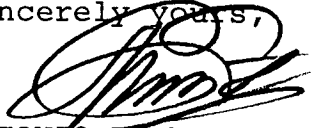
As a native and lifelong resident of the Marianas Islands, I assure you such actions are unjustified, unnecessary and counterproductive. For nearly 30 years the U.S. administration of Micronesia has been less than exemplary. We of Guam, who have enjoyed the privilege of U.S. citizenship since 1950, have striven to hold up our status as an example of U.S. democracy in the Pacific. Reprehensible actions such as these attributed to the CIA serve only to undermine these efforts, to strengthen the cynicism of Micronesians resulting from decades of "benign neglect," and to weaken the mutual respect that is necessary if the U.S. and the residents of the Pacific Islands are to have a mutually productive permanent affiliation.

If these reports are incorrect, I urge you to immediately make this known. If they are true, I urge you to explain the matter publicly and take appropriate action against those responsible.

I am certain you are aware that with the U.S. trusteeship of Micronesia nearing its end, any actions of this kind can only negatively affect U.S. relations with the Pacific Islands and even our long term national defense posture.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


ANTONIO B. WON PAT
Member of Congress



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