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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to the request of the Fourth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, I am transmitting Resolution No. 307-1976, a resolution requesting the President of the United States of America to reverse its decision awarding the Tokyo/Saipan route to Continental/Air Micronesia, duly adopted by the Legislature during its recently concluded Eighth Regular Session, for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Santiago B. Magofna
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Legislative Secretary

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INTRODUCED BY: SEN. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO REVERSE ITS DECISION AWARDED THE
TOKYO/SAIPAN ROUTE TO CONTINENTAL/AIR
MICRONESIA

WHEREAS, as a result of the investigations and recommendations of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Continental/Air Micronesia was granted the right to make flights from Saipan to Tokyo; and

WHEREAS, according to news accounts, the basis of this decision rested on the fact that greater benefits will accrue to all districts of the Trust Territory if the route was given to Continental/Air Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the announced decision, President Gerald R. Ford awarded this route to Continental/Air Micronesia, and several deadlines have been announced indicating a time in which service will be started, but after more than six months after the announced decision, no service has been started and according to news reports, the government of Japan continues to express strong opposition to allowing any additional U. S. carriers landing rights in Japan because of the imbalance that currently exists between Japan Airlines and U. S. air carriers; and

WHEREAS, bilateral discussions were held between the government of Japan and the United States Department of State, but no favorable decision was made relative to beginning service from Tokyo to Saipan; and

WHEREAS, many tourist-oriented businesses on Saipan and the Marianas were established in anticipation of direct flights from Saipan to Japan, but this continued delay in the institution of this service has created a near bankruptcy syndrome among the hotel entrepreneurs and related tourist-oriented businesses in the Northern Mariana Islands; and



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WHEREAS, the hotels on Saipan are currently experiencing from four percent (4%) to six percent (6%) occupancy rate, and have been forced to furlough some of its employees and to curtail many services because of the low volume of tourist trade that the Marianas is experiencing; and

WHEREAS, Pan American World Airways currently overflies Saipan enroute to Guam from Japan and a stop on Saipan would be immediately possible and beneficial to all concerned if Pan American was given this route; and

WHEREAS, Pan American has the landing rights in Japan and the identity in the Japanese market and is able to compete with Japan Airlines that would result in improving the balance of payments picture; and

WHEREAS, unless the tourist industry is revived, there is little likelihood that the Saipan and the Northern Mariana Islands will be able to raise enough local revenue to sustain its government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, Eighth Regular Session, 1976, that the President of the United States of America be and he hereby is respectfully requested to reverse its decision awarding the Tokyo/Saipan route to Continental/Air Micronesia;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States of America; to the Secretary of the United States Department of State; to the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce; to the Secretary of the United

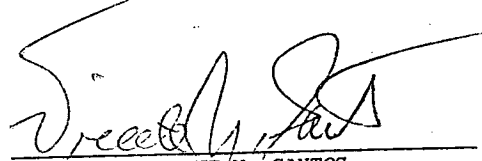


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States Department of Transportation; to the Secretary of the United States
Department of Interior; to the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board;
to the President of Continental Airlines; to the President of Pan American
Airlines; and to the Resident Commissioner for the Northern Mariana Islands.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE DECEMBER 17, 1976.



VICENTE N. SANTOS
Speaker



SANTIAGO B. MAGAÑA
Legislative Secretary

