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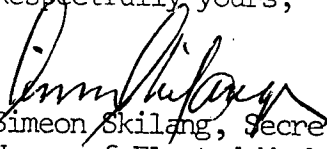
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Honorable President
United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am transmitting herewith a certified copy of the House of Elected Members Joint Resolution No. 797 which was adopted by Sixth Palau Legislature, Second Special Session, on December 23, 1976.

Respectfully yours,


Simeon Skilang, Secretary
House of Elected Members

Attachment

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SIXTH PALAU LEGISLATURE
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H. E. M. JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 797



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H.E.M. Joint Res. No. 797

THE HOUSE OF CHIEFS
Sixth PALAU LEGISLATURE
Second Special Session
1976

We hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Resolution was adopted in the House of Chiefs of the Palau Legislature, by a majority of the members of the House of Chiefs, a quorum being present.

Eusevio N. Termeteeet
Presiding Co-Chairman
House of Chiefs

Laurentino Ulechong
Clerk, House of Chiefs

THE HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS
Sixth PALAU LEGISLATURE
Second Special Session
1976

We hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Resolution was adopted in the House of Elected Members of the Palau Legislature, by a majority of the members of the House of Elected Members, a quorum being present.

Sadang N. Silmai
Speaker, House of Elected
Members

Simeon Skilang
Secretary, House of Elected
Members



PALAU LEGISLATURE

Second Special Session, December, 1976 H.E.M. Joint Resolution No. 797

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS JOINT RESOLUTION

Relative to establishing the position of the Palau Legislature that a scientific, environmental study of the marine ecology of the Palau Islands should be a pre-condition of any other technical feasibility study of the Port Pacific concept and requesting the United States Government to assign sufficient funds from available sources to execute such required initial environmental study.

1 WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature through Resolution No. 76(2)-1, dated
2 April 20, 1976, requested the United States Government, in its capacity as
3 the Administering Authority of the Micronesian islands to advise, assist and
4 represent Palau in the development of the Port Pacific concept; and

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to the said Resolution, the Administering Authority,
6 through the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, has
7 entered into an agreement with Nissho - Iwai - Industrial Bank of Japan
8 whereby the latter was authorized to undertake exploratory and technical
9 studies to ascertain the feasibility of major port developments in the Palau
10 Islands; and

11 WHEREAS, in light of criticism of the Port Pacific concept launched by
12 some of the more vocal environmental and scientific organizations and as
13 reported in the world press, and in light of its inherent controversiality it
14 appears to be most important that a non-profit or not-for-profit inter-
15 nationally recognized and renowned scientific institution not directly or
16 indirectly interested in the Port Pacific concept undertake an environmental
17 study of the marine ecology of the Palau Islands in general and the proposed
18 port sites in particular and, if desirable, establish environmental ground
19 rules for any major port development projects including the Port Pacific
20 concept; and

21 WHEREAS, because of financial constraints, the Palau Legislature cannot
22 adequately finance such a scientific, environmental study of the marine
23 ecology of the Palau Islands at this time; and

24 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Legislature that such an environmental
25 study is an investment of the first priority in that it shall ascertain the



1 environmental feasibility of a major port-based and port-oriented economy of
2 Palau; now, therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Elected Members, Sixth Palau Legislature,
4 Second Special Session, December, 1976, House of Chiefs concurring that it
5 is hereby established to be the position of this Legislature that
6 environmental studies closely coordinated and carried under the supervisory
7 control of the Special Committee on Palau Port Authority or the Palau Port
8 Authority upon its creation shall be a pre-condition of any other technical
9 feasibility study that may be required or undertaken, and that such studies
10 be transmitted to the Palau Legislature, upon completion; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Government is hereby
12 requested to represent the people of the Palau District in selecting a non-
13 profit or not-for-profit internationally recognized and renowned scientific
14 institution not directly or indirectly interested or involved in the Port
15 Pacific proposal to undertake such environmental studies; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Government is hereby
17 further requested and urged to assign sufficient funds from available sources
18 to execute the required initial environmental study whose objective will be
19 the establishment of environmental guidelines for port-oriented studies and
20 ventures; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be
22 transmitted to the President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior
23 and Director of Territorial Affairs of the United States Government,
24 President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the High Commissioner
25 of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the District Administrator.

Adopted: December 23, 1976

