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KOLONIA, PONAPE, EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS  
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Office of the President

April 22, 1981

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
The President of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We understand that your Administration anticipates a proposal to terminate the Federal Legal Aid Program for the poor.

The legal aid program began its services to the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands when Micronesian Legal Services Corporation was established in 1970. This legal aid program, totally funded by the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C., continues its services to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia up to the present. If the legal aid program is cut off, this would mean that all of those Micronesians who have the benefits of receiving the free services of the program will be automatically cut off from such services.

The people of our young government are poor and cannot afford the services of private legal counsel. The Micronesian Legal Services Corporation has been the only means for the poor to assert and defend their rights. Without this program, these poor people will not have access to legal service. This legal aid program has proven very successful in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The purpose of this letter, Mr. President, is to request, on behalf of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, that the Federal Legal Aid Program for the poor be continued. Our young government, at this time, is not able to provide this type of service to its people. We do not have the financial capability and legal expertise to handle our own legal aid program. We would appreciate your favorable consideration of our request. The Legal Services Corporation is urgently needed here.



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Thank you very much for your understanding. With warm  
regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

  
Tosiwo Nakayama

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ATTN: ~~JIM KELLY~~

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PRESIDENT  
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