

June 6, 1986

JOINT COMMUNIQUE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND LEGISLATURES
AND THE PACIFIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COUNCIL
REGIONAL SUMMIT MEETING

The first joint summit meeting on educational concerns sponsored by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) was held at the Legislative Session Hall at the Guam Legislature Building, Agana, Guam on June 5-6, 1986. The summit meeting was attended by APIL members from the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the State of Kosrae, the State of Pohnpei, the State of Truk, the State of Yap, and the territory of Guam. PPEC members, or a representative, from the Community College of Micronesia, the Micronesian Occupational College, the Northern Marianas College, and the University of Guam were also in attendance. The executive branch of the State of Truk and the territory of Guam were also represented. Representatives from the education departments of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the State of Kosrae, the State of Truk, the State of Yap, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands also attended the summit.

The summit meeting, held to discuss matters of concern relative to education in Micronesia, took place in an atmosphere of cooperation, mutual respect, and friendship, but was attended by a deepening concern over the regions educational future.

On the first day of the summit, welcoming speeches by each Legislative delegation were given and then each Legislative and educational institutional entity presented position or issue papers to address the various aspirations and concerns of the region. Having received the addresses, the delegates convened on the second day for a discussion of the issues and concerns. The consensus of discussion was as follows:

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I. Transition from the Trusteeship

a. All participating members agreed that in light of federal deficit reduction measures - which have reduced monies available to educational programs perceived to be continuing at the time the Compacts of Free Association were negotiated - that the government of the United States should provide transitional funding for educational institutions and programs which have been either cut from the Compacts or eliminated through other budget cutting measures on the part of the United States government.

b. All members agreed that the United States government has a moral obligation to fulfill the spirit, if not the letter of the law, of its Trusteeship obligations, and that the recent cuts in federal education programs and educational funding cut will jeopardize the viability of Micronesia's elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational institutions.

c. All members agreed that given the wealth and power of the United States government, to which all entities of Micronesia have contributed through their extension of military access rights, and the importance which that democratic country has placed on education, that sufficient monies to provide for the education of this and future generations of Micronesians will help to increase stability and democracy in the region.

d. All members agreed that an extension of all federal programs affecting education prior to the Compacts should be extended for a period of three (3) years for the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, and a minimum of seven (7) years for the Republic of Palau after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement as a transition period. The members also agreed that student assistance programs for students attending U.S. accredited postsecondary institutions should be extended throughout the Compact period.



e. All members agreed that the actions of the present Administration of the United States in not prioritizing and requesting from the Congress of the United States federal funding for health, welfare and education programs were inconsistent with the representation of the availability of such funds.

f. All members agreed that federal programs originally thought to be ongoing after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement which have been recently reduced in funding levels or eliminated by the United States government, should continue for a period of three (3) years at the fiscal year 1985 authorization level. The members also agreed that the United States Department of Education should provide for another five (5) years, one hundred percent (100%) reinsurance for United Student Aid Fund loans to Micronesian students.

II. Regional Education

a. All members agreed that the concept of regional education, and the interfacing of institutions throughout Micronesia to provide for more efficient utilization of available resources for education should be pursued.

b. All members agreed that the United States government should make good on its commitment to the University of Guam for their role in fulfilling the United States obligation of the Trusteeship Agreement (Article 6, Section 4) as concurred by Public Law 96-374 Title XII, Section 1204.

c. All members agreed that they were committed to meeting both immediate and long range housing needs of Micronesian students attending the University of Guam, and temporary housing for medical patients and the escorts of the patients on Guam. The joint summit meeting of APIL-PPEC delegates formed a task force, co-chaired by Senator Franklin J. Quitugua of the Guam Legislature and President Jose Cruz of the University of Guam, with one member from each delegation to the joint summit meeting, to make a feasibility study of housing needs for Micronesian students at the University of Guam and Guam Community



College and medical patients and their escorts and to report back their findings to both the APIL and the PPEC.

d. All members agreed that ways and means should be investigated to improve the availability of educational facilities and housing to students attending the Community College of Micronesia, the Micronesian Occupational College, and the Northern Marianas College.

III. Continued Discussions

All members concurred that further discussion of the issues affecting education in Micronesia would be valuable, and recommends the convening of a second Summit Meeting on education.

All members agreed that copies of the Joint Communique should be transmitted to the President of the United States; to Congressman Morris K. Udall, Chairman of the U. S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Interior and Insular Affairs; to Senator James A. McClure, Chairman of the U. S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to Congressman John F. Seiberling, Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U. S. House of Representatives; to Congressman Stephen J. Solarz, Chairman, Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee on Foreign Affairs, U. S. House of Representatives; to Congressman Daniel K. Akaka of Hawaii; to Senator Spark M. Matsunaga of Hawaii; to Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii; to Congressman Cecil L. Heftel of Hawaii; to Congressman Ben Blaz, Guam's Delegate, U. S. House of Representatives; to the Secretary General of the United Nations, to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, to the Security Council of the United Nations; to Mr. Noriuo Ubedei, Palau's Washington Representative; to Mr. Wilfred Randall, Marshall Island's Representative; to Mr. Epel Ilon, FSM Washington Representative; and to Mr. Froilan Tenorio, Washington Representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; to the Honorable Ricardo J. Bordallo, Governor of Guam; to the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Honorable Amata



Kabau, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; to the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Governor, FSM State of Kosrae; to the Honorable Resio Moses, Governor, FSM State of Pohnpei; to the Honorable Gideon Doone, Governor, FSM State of Truk; to the Honorable John Mangefel, Governor FSM State of Yap; to the Honorable Lazarus Salii, President of the Republic of Palau; to the Honorable Carl T. C. Gutierrez, Speaker, Eighteenth Guam Legislature; to the Honorable Julian S. Calvo, Senate President, Fifth Northern Marianas Legislature; to the Honorable Jose R. Lifoifoi, Speaker, House of Representatives, Fifth Northern Marianas Legislature; to the Honorable Atlan Anien, Speaker of the Marshall Islands Legislature; to the Honorable Bethwel Henry, Speaker of the Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; to the Honorable Thurston Siba, Speaker of the Third Kosrae State Legislature; to the Honorable Ambros T. Senda, Speaker of the Third Pohnpei State Legislature; to the Honorable Fritz Hartmann, Speaker of the Second Truk State Legislature; to the Honorable Josephn Ayin, Speaker of the First Yap State Legislature; to the Honorable Isidoro Rudimch, Senate President of the First Palau National Congress (Olbiil Era Kelulau) and to the Honorable Santos Olikong, Speaker of the House of Delegates, First Palau National Congress (Olbiil Era Kelulau).

DONE IN THE CITY OF AGANA; TERRITORY OF GUAM, ON THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR ONE-THOUSAND-NINE-HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND EDUCATION LEADERS OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC NATIONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES.

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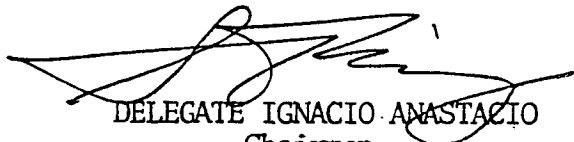
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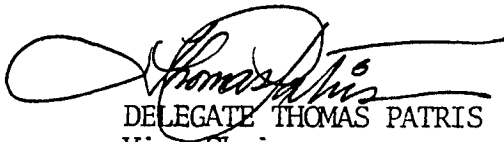
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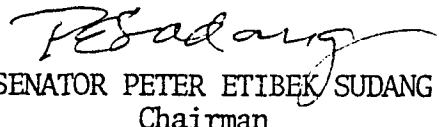
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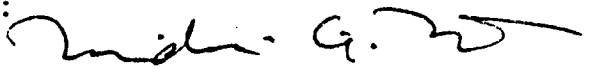
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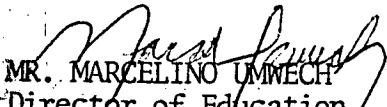
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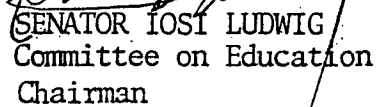
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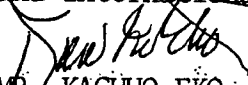

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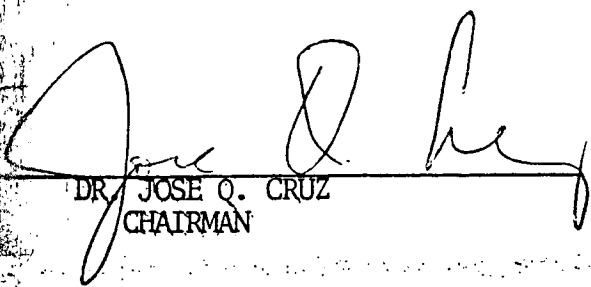
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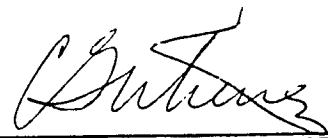


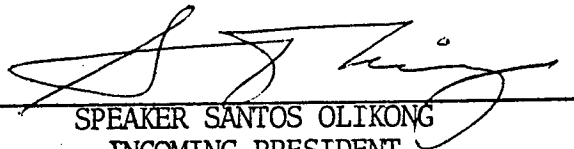
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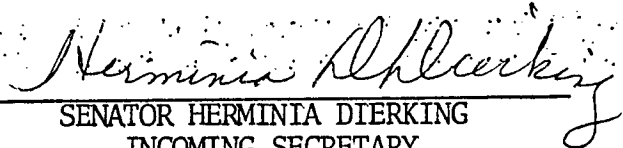
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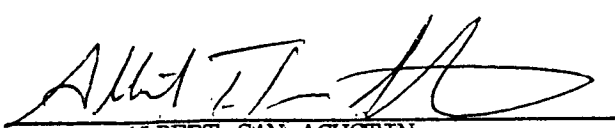
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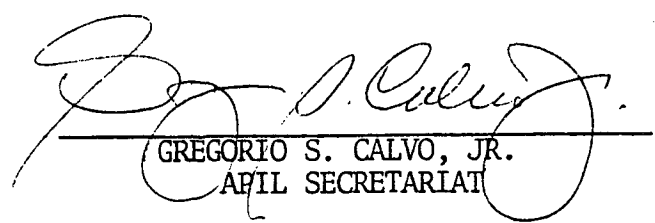

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