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PETITION FROM MR. ALFONSO P. UTTO, FEFAN MUNICIPALITY, TRUK DISTRICT,
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Honorable Mr. Chairman
Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, New York
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I write you again in the name of the ill-treated Micronesian. I've written you and other organs of the United Nations in the past, expressing our dissatisfaction and grievances over actions of our Administering Authority, the United States of America.

This time I write you about the so-called "Micronesian Claims Act of 1971". The Administering Authority is forcing down our throat acceptance of 16 per cent of an adjudicated claim. Before the 16 per cent is given to the claimant, he must sign a release form, releasing the Governments of the United States and Japan from further obligations. The release further states that the 84 per cent will either be forgotten or probably be paid at an unknown time.

The maximum award given for a death claim of a Micronesian is \$US 5,000.00. They (Americans) base this on the age of a Micronesian. Are we, Micronesians, regarded as animal, rock, or wood? In general, the decisions of the Micronesian Claims Commission are unfair, biased and without precedent. Can you do something about it? We are tired of lip service. Please advise the United States Government to recognize that Micronesians are human beings, not animals. I look forward to hearing from you in the future. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Alfonso P. UTTO

cc: House of Representatives, c/o Mr. Bethwel Henry
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