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THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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1969 PALAU LEGISLATURE
April Session

April 15, 1969

Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Resolution No. 69 (1)-8,
which was adopted by the Palau Legislature.^{1/}

Respectfully,

(Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ
Secretary

Enclosure

^{1/} The text of this resolution has also been transmitted to the Security
Council by letter dated 15 April 1969.

1969 PALAU LEGISLATURE

RESOLUTION No. 69(1)-8

April Session

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Palau Legislature concerning the possible presence of a United States Marines training program in the Palau Islands.

WHEREAS, the people of the Palau Islands were deeply honored by the visit to their islands of Lt. General Lewis Walt, Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Palau District Legislature is proud to have had the opportunity to meet and speak with General Walt; and

WHEREAS, the people of Palau are grateful to General Walt for his candor and honesty in revealing to them the purpose of his visit; and

WHEREAS, General Walt explained to the Palauan people that the United States Marines are seeking location in which to train Marines to fight present and future wars in tropical areas, and that the Marines are giving serious consideration to using the Palau Islands for such a purpose; and

WHEREAS, General Walt did publicly pledge to the Palauan people in his remarks to the Palau Legislature that under no circumstances would the Marines come to Palau without the permission of the Palau Legislature, the elected representatives of the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the people of Palau have experienced once before in this generation the ugliness, suffering and brutality of war in their islands; and

WHEREAS, in that war, which was not of our making, many Palauan people were killed, our property was destroyed and our land was taken from us; and

WHEREAS, the damage done to roads, docks, homes, public buildings, dams, farms and other property has not yet, after almost twenty five years, been repaired by the governments which destroyed them; and

WHEREAS, while the people of Palau sympathize with the problems of the United States Marines, they are a peace loving people who have no desire ever again to have the tragedies of war visited upon them; and

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WHEREAS, the Palauan people have no assurance that the proposed activities of the Marines in the Palau Islands would not be of a size or nature that would aggravate nations hostile to the United States and once again make Palau a target for the forces of war; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Palau Legislature that it is the sense of the Palau Legislature that the proposed United States Marine Corps training program in the Palau Islands would not be in the best interests of the Palauan people and would put the people of Palau in grave danger of suffering acts of aggression or retaliation by governments hostile to the United States and, therefore, the presence of a Marine training program would be unwelcome in Palau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and through him to the Trusteeship Council and the Security Council; to the Commandant of the United States Marine Corp; to Lt. General Lewis Walt; to the Secretary of the Interior; to the Secretary of Defense; to the Secretary of State; to the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia; to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and to the District Administrator of Palau.

Adopted April 11, 1969

(Signed) Itebang Luii, Speaker

Attest:

(Signed) Sylvester F. Alonz, Secretary
