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COMMUNICATION FROM CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONCERNING
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

24 September 1970

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate joint
resolution No. 98, H.D. 1¹/ which was adopted by the Third Congress of
Micronesia, Third Regular Session in July 1970.

Respectfully,

(Signed) F. Sabo ULECHONG
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Trusteeship Council
United Nations Building
New York, N.Y. 10017

Enclosure

1/ The text of this resolution was also transmitted to the Secretary-General
and the Security Council.

THIRD CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1970

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 98, H.D. 1

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Inviting the United States Government to continue discussions with representatives of the Congress of Micronesia on the future political status of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, the Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia has concluded two rounds of discussions with representatives of the United States Government on the future political status of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the United States has thus far been unwilling or unable to sponsor termination of the Trusteeship Agreement on the basis of either free association or independence; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia has found the United States offer of Commonwealth status in the form that was presented in May 1970 to be unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, although the Congress of Micronesia has declared that any future association between the United States and Micronesia must recognize certain principles and legal rights and be in accordance with the definition and concept of free association presented in the report of the Political Status Delegation presented to the Congress of Micronesia, the Congress of Micronesia maintains that United States interests in Micronesia can be accommodated within the framework of such an association; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia also maintains that the interests of the United States can be accommodated if the people of Micronesia should choose to become an independent State; and

WHEREAS, no matter what status the people of Micronesia should finally select, further discussions between the United States Government and the Congress of Micronesia will be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia believes that it is in the best interests of the people of Micronesia that the future political status of Micronesia be determined as soon as possible; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1970, the House of Representatives concurring, that the United States Government is hereby invited to continue discussions with representatives of the Congress of Micronesia on the future political status of Micronesia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this joint resolution be transmitted to the Secretary General, Security Council and the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations; the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior of the United States; the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress; and the High Commissioner.

Adopted 24 August 1970

S.J.R. NO. 98, H.D. 1

THE SENATE OF THE THIRD CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
THIRD REGULAR SESSION 1970

We hereby certify that the foregoing joint resolution was adopted in the Senate of the Third Congress of Micronesia, Third Regular Session in July 1970, by not less than two-thirds vote of all the members to which the Senate is entitled.

(Signed) Amata Kabua
President of the Senate

(Signed) F. Sabo Ulechong
Acting Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
THIRD CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1970

We hereby certify that the foregoing joint resolution was adopted in the House of Representatives of the Third Congress of Micronesia, Third Regular Session in July 1970, by not less than two-thirds vote of all the members to which the House is entitled.

(Signed) Bethwel Henry
Speaker, House of Representatives

(Signed) Asterio R. Takesy
Clerk, House of Representatives
