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COMMUNICATION FROM THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT
LEGISLATURE CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS

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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
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6 March 1973

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

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to the request of the Legislature, I am transmitting a copy of resolution No. ... 59-1973, "A resolution relative to urging the President of the United States of America and the United States Congress to expedite the settlement of the Micronesian War Claims" ... duly and regularly adopted by the Fourth Legislature during its February 1973 session.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Luis S. CAMACHO
Executive Secretary

FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 59--1973

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPEDITE THE SETTLEMENT
OF THE MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS

WHEREAS, it has been more than a quarter of a century since the hostilities of the Second World War ended, but the Micronesians, who were innocent victims of two world Powers, have not yet received any compensation for their property losses, deaths and the use and destruction of their property; and

WHEREAS, most of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory who were old enough to own property that was destroyed during the Second World War, are advancing in age and unless these payments are made within the near future, most of the real beneficiaries will not be able to enjoy their claims payments; and

WHEREAS, the Micronesian War Claims Commission has announced that the first payments will not be made before 1976, which is unreasonable and unnecessary, because the Chairman of the Foreign Claims Commission in his testimony before the United States Congress stated that three fourths (3/4) of the Micronesian claims could be adjudicated within the first six (6) months; and

WHEREAS, with all the experience of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission in the claims field, surely the adjudication of the Micronesian claims can be completed sooner than 1976;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature that the President of the United States and the United States Congress be and hereby are respectfully memorialized and requested to expedite the settlement of the Micronesian war claims; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the 1973 United Nations Visiting Mission team, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements of the House Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States Congress, the Senate Subcommittee on Territories of the United States Congress, the Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, the district legislatures in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and to the Micronesian Claims Commission, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, 28 FEBRUARY 1973.

(Signed) Vincente N. SANTOS
President

(Signed) Santiago B. MAGOFNA
Legislative Secretary
