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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. ... 61-1973, "A resolution relative to respectfully memorializing and requesting the United States Secretary of the Department of the Interior to make a separate budget for the Marianas Islands District", ... 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. 61-1973

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZING
AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO MAKE A SEPARATE BUDGET
FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, under provision of the Trusteeship Agreement for the administration of the former Japanese mandated Islands, the Administering Authority has the authority to administer any part of the Trust Territory as a separate entity by declaring an administrative union; and

WHEREAS, from the time the United States armed forces landed on Saipan in June 1944, to July 1962, the municipalities of Saipan and Tinian were treated and administered as a separate administrative area of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, during the period, the municipalities of Saipan and Tinian received and spent their separate budgets; and

WHEREAS, the expression by the majority of the people of the Mariana Islands District have made clear their desire to become a permanent part of the United States of America, and last December 1972, the historic talks between the people of the Marianas and representatives of the United States Government were held; and

WHEREAS, it has been acknowledged by all concerned that the future course of the Mariana Islands District will be a separate entity from the other districts of the Trust Territory, and should, therefore, begin gaining budgetary experience as a separate governmental entity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature, that the United States Secretary of the Department of the Interior be and he hereby is respectfully memorialized and requested to make a separate budget for the Mariana Islands District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the President of the United States of America, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs United States Congress, the 1973 United Nations Visiting Mission team and the Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams.

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

(Signed) Vicente N. SANTOS
President

(Signed) Santiago B. MAGOFNA
Legislative Secretary