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LEGISLATURE CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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PALAU LEGISLATURE
Koror, Palau
Western Caroline Islands
96940

12 November 1969

Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Resolution No. 69(2)-29^{1/} which was
adopted by the Palau Legislature.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ
Secretary

Enclosure

1/ The text of this resolution was also transmitted to the Security Council.

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1969 PALAU LEGISLATURE

RESOLUTION NO. 65(2)-29

October Session

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Palau Legislature that the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands recognize its achievements and accomplishments in fostering the development of such political institutions as are suited to the Trust Territory and promoting the political development of the inhabitants, by beginning to accept the pronouncements of the District Legislatures at face value and by recognizing the capabilities of the members of such Legislatures by dealing with them as equals.

WHEREAS, the United States in its Trusteeship Agreement with the Security Council of the United Nations undertook a solemn obligation to foster the development of such political institutions as are suited to the Trust Territory and to promote the development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory toward self-government or independence; and

WHEREAS, as a means of fostering the development of such political institutions as are suited to the Trust Territory, the Administering Authority initiated the creation and development of district legislatures in each of the six administrative districts of the Trust Territory; and

WHEREAS, in recent years these legislative bodies have been at times highly critical of some of the policies and actions of the Trust Territory Administration and the Administering Authority; and

WHEREAS, often times the Trust Territory Administration and the Administering Authority have not accepted such criticisms as natural evolvments or end products of the political institutions they created and developed as the members of such institutions became more politically advanced, but have rather interpreted such criticisms as the dealings of Peace Corps Volunteers or other noncitizen personnel who are working as staff members of such legislatures, and the pronouncements of such legislative bodies have thus not been accepted on their face value; and

WHEREAS, such interpretations are demeaning and degrading to the members of such legislative bodies, demonstrate a general lack of understanding and

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sensitivity to a foreign culture, and evidence a general unwillingness on the part of the United States to accept the political advancement of the inhabitants and to treat them as equals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Palau Legislature that it is the sense of the Palau Legislature that the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands recognize its achievements and accomplishments in fostering the development of such political institutions as are suited to the Trust Territory and promoting the political development of the inhabitants, by beginning to accept the pronouncements of the District Legislatures at face value and by recognizing the capabilities of the members of such legislatures by dealing with them as equals; and

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

Adopted 23 October 1969

(Signed) Iteibang LUII,
Speaker

Attest: (Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ
Secretary
