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

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16 December 1968

The President
U.N. Trusteeship Council
United Nations Headquarters
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herein your copy of Resolutions 1-1968, 2-1968 and 37-1968,
duly adopted by the Legislature during its August 1968 session.^{1/}

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Daniel T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary

Enclosures

^{1/} Resolution 37-1968 is reproduced below. Resolutions 1-1968 and 2-1968 appear
in documents T/PET.10/49 and T/COM.10/L.13 respectively.

2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

SIXTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 37-1968

INTRODUCED BY HON. ANTONIO R. CAMACHO, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZING
AND REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SEEK NECESSARY
BUDGETARY REQUEST TO FUND THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT
LAND COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted under Public Law 2-1, passed by the Congress of Micronesia, the Mariana Islands District Land Commission was established; and

WHEREAS, a Chief Commissioner was named to head the Land Commission for this district almost a year ago, but to date no hearings have been held to determine ownerships due to the lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of clouds on titles, many inhabitants are unable to utilize their privately-owned land which hinders the social and economic development of this district; and

WHEREAS, this situation violates the obligations of the Administering Authority under the Trusteeship Agreement, and is a constant source of irritation to the people in that they have no certificates of titles to their land; and

WHEREAS, the land problems in this district have been neglected for too many years and should be given top priority before all owners are dead and expensive litigation will follow, which will also cause family arguments and ill feelings among the people; and

WHEREAS, the amount of usable land available to the people in the Mariana Islands District is extremely limited and a resolution of this problem is basic to any social or economic development and after more than twenty (20) years of administering this area, little or no attention has been given this problem; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Land Commissions was passed by the Congress of Micronesia at the request of the Trust Territory Government as an administration measures, and after two (2) years of authorizing its establishment, no funds have been made available to implement this land Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 2nd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the High Commissioner be and he hereby is respectfully memorialized and requested to seek necessary budgetary requests to fund the Mariana Islands District Land Commission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit a copy of the same to the Chairman, Trusteeship Council of the United Nations.

PASSED BY THE 2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AUGUST 21, 1968.

(Signed) VICENTE N. SANTOS, President

(Signed) DANIEL T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary
