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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, CONCERNING THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1974

25 March 1974

The President
Trusteeship Council
United Nations
801 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of House joint resolution No. 123, HD1, SD1, which was adopted by the Congress of Micronesia, Fifth Congress, Second Regular Session of January 1974.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Asterio R. TAKESY
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1974

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 123, H.D. 1,
S.D. 1

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Urging the High Commissioner and the United States Department of Defense to take immediate steps to review and renegotiate the lease agreement for Kwajalein Island, Carlos Island, and other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll which were included in the 1964 Kwajalein lease agreement.

WHEREAS, since 9 February 1944, certain islands of Kwajalein Atoll have been used by the Government of the United States of America for military purposes; and

WHEREAS, on 9 February 1964, 20 years later, a lease agreement was signed between the landowners of certain islands of Kwajalein Atoll and the United States Government, giving the latter continued use rights for a period of 99 years and setting compensation to the landowners at the unconscionably low amount of \$750,000 for said use of land; and

WHEREAS, during the negotiations for Kwajalein Island, nearby Carlos Island was taken by the United States Government through eminent domain with compensation set at \$200 per acre for indefinite land use rights; and

WHEREAS, during the negotiations for Kwajalein Island, the United States Government also threatened to use eminent domain to acquire Kwajalein Island unless the landowners yielded to the inadequate United States offers of \$1,000 per acre; and

[WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that the validity or legality of any lease agreement, where landowners are coerced and compelled to sign in fear of loss of their lands without adequate compensation, is highly improper; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Fifth Congress of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1974, the Senate concurring, that the High Commissioner, the United States Department of Defense, the Marshall Islands Nitijela, and local leaders from the Kwajalein Atoll take immediate steps to review and renegotiate the lease agreements of Kwajalein and other islands of the Kwajalein Atoll to ensure fair and adequate compensation to landowners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this House joint resolution be transmitted to the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations Trusteeship Council, United States Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, the United States Department of Defense, the United States Department of the Interior, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Marshall Islands Nitijela.

Adopted: 4 March 1974
