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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, TIA BELUAD MOVEMENT,  
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Position of the Tia Beluad Movement

The Tia Beluad Movement maintains its position based on its political platform that independence is the ultimate political future for Palau and Micronesia. Officers and members realize, however, that Palau and Micronesia are not ready for independence now. But we feel that we are ready for self-government now. Therefore it is the position of the Tia Beluad Movement that any status or association that Palau and Micronesia should establish with the United States of America or any other powerful nation must be temporary and transitional. In short, we want immediate self-government now in preparation for future independence.

Micronesian unity

The Tia Beluad Movement views a form of Micronesian unity as inevitable in the modern history of Micronesian development. We also realize that the Micronesian islands can help each other and could be more powerful internationally by working together for common cause. But we cannot ignore the reality of cultural and traditional differences. The unity of Micronesia as defined by the Micronesian Constitutional Convention (from the draft Constitution) 1/ seems to have ignored the cultural and traditional differences. It seems that for this reason Micronesian

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1/ For the text of the draft Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, see document T/COM.10/L.174, annex I.

unity began to fall apart. Therefore, we believe and urge that a Micronesian constitutional amendment convention be recognized and supported at a later date before the referendum on it begins. From this we learned that Micronesian unity should be allowed slowly and naturally through recognition of common interests. We support Micronesian unity so long as each district gradually be "identified" at a degree compatible with Micronesia's development.

### Separation issue

The Tia Beluad Movement feels that the separation by the Marshall Islands and Palau cannot be practically viewed in the strict definition of the term "separation". Practical needs and assistance from each other are the key factors that bind and unite Micronesians now and forever. Separation can be viewed as a "cultural identity" through which each district is identified and the need for Micronesian unity is recognized and preserved; then slowly we can work to achieve Micronesian unity in a practical sense.

It is only practical (in view of political conditions in Palau) that the Tia Beluad Movement endorse the position of unity of Micronesia with free association between Micronesia and the United States, and immediate self-government throughout every district in Micronesia and, through the Palau Political Status Commission and the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, work for the achievement of the goals spelled out in its platform.

We recommend that the Palau Political Status Commission and the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition work together through the following, clarified positions of the Tia Beluad Movement:

1. Adopt the concept of a unified Micronesia similar to the concept of a unified America;
2. Adopt the concept of free association with the United States;
3. Push for immediate self-government now through a charter convention;
4. Oppose commonwealth status now and in the future;
5. Push for a Micronesian constitutional amendment convention prior to the referendum on it. Push for a committee to "review and recommend" changes in the constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and the compact of free association so that they become compatible with each other, and educate the people of Micronesia on the compact and the constitution;
6. Urge the Congress of Micronesia to create a commission with the responsibility of making sure that no parts or territories within Micronesia's three-million-square-mile stretch are removed or altered to mean another form until such time as the future Federal Government of Micronesia is in full force

to claim full responsibility over these territories in excess of the 200-mile economic zone around each district;

7. Urge the immediate removal of the following people from the Palau Political Status Commission: Dr. Thomas Gladwin, Stuart Beck and William Brophy. —/

/Signed by 10 persons/  
(signatures illegible)/

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