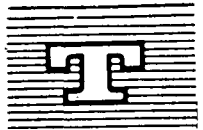


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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA,
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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THE SENATE

CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

8 March 1977

The President
United Nations Trusteeship Council
United Nations Headquarters
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. President,

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate joint resolution No. 7-32,
which was adopted by the Seventh Congress of Micronesia, first regular session,
1977.

Respectfully,

(Signed) F. Sabo ULECHONG
Clerk of the Senate

SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1977

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7-32

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Humbly requesting the President of the United States of America to fully consult the people of Micronesia through their elected leaders, prior to the appointment of new personnel to fill the vacant offices of the Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Trusteeship Agreement for the former Japanese mandated islands of the Pacific, the United States has been serving as the Administering Authority for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, otherwise known as Micronesia, for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, with the granting of independence to the island nation of Papua New Guinea, Micronesia now exists as the only Trust Territory remaining in the once numerous United Nations Trusteeship System; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to United States Congressional acts and executive orders, Micronesia is administered through the Office of Territorial Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior, and although over 30 years ago the United States accepted the solemn trust obligation to promote self-government in the Trust Territory, the United States still maintains control over the executive branch of the Government of Micronesia through the stipulation that the High Commissioner, as chief executive of the Trust Territory, be appointed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the positions of the Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs of the Department of the Interior and of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory are presently vacant, requiring that the newly elected United States President take affirmative action for the continued effective administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Seventh Congress of Micronesia, first regular session, 1977, the House of Representatives concurring that the President of the United States is most humbly requested to display to the people of Micronesia the commitment of the United States to democracy and the promotion of self-Government in Micronesia as specified in the Trusteeship Agreement, by fully consulting the people of Micronesia, through their elected leaders, prior to the appointment of new public officers to serve in the two most important positions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Senate joint resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the chairmen of the House and Senate committees on interior and insular affairs of the United States Congress and the Secretary of the Interior.

Adopted: 28 February 1977
