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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS 1/

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1969 PALAU LEGISLATURE
April Session

28 April 1969

Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Resolution No. 69 (1)-3, which was
adopted by the Palau Legislature.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Sylvester F. Alonz
Secretary

Enclosure

1/ The present communication from the Palau Legislature was received by the
Secretariat postmarked Koror, Caroline Islands, 2 July 1969.

1969 PALAU LEGISLATURE

RESOLUTION No. 69(1)-3

April Session

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Trust Territory Government to immediately return the lands in the Palau District that the Government holds as Government lands of the Trust Territory to the original owners.

WHEREAS, the Office of District Land Management of the Palau District currently gives out lands for lease in the Palau District against the wishes of the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, according to the statements made by the Honorable William R. Norwood, the former High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, was that the major land problem in the Palau District was being resolved whereby the Government has started to make surveys of land to determine what lands would be used by the public and the rest would return to private owners and the records of such determination are in the Government possession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Palau Legislature that the High Commissioner be and is hereby respectfully requested to return lands in the Palau District that the Government presently holds as Government lands to the original owners as has been repeatedly requested by Resolution No. 14-4-66, Resolution No. 6-10-66, Resolution No. 8-12-67, Resolution No. 21-12-67, Resolution No. 9-4-68, the petition of the Chiefs of Palau dated December 13, 1967, petitions of the people of Ngardmau and Ngeremlengui, and the petition of the petitioners of Koror in the Palau District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the present distribution of leases in Koror Municipality be discontinued until the time when the land problem is resolved by giving the people back their lands in accordance with the statements made by the Honorable William R. Norwood who was then the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the District Administrator of Palau, the High Commissioner, the

Commissioner for Resources and Development, the Secretary of the Interior,
Security and Trusteeship Councils of the United Nations.

Adopted April 15, 1969

(Signed) Itelbang Luii, Speaker

(Signed) Attest: Sylvester E. Alonz, Secretary
