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

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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 218 SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

September 11, 1969

The Honorable U Thant
Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

It is my pleasure to transmit your copy of Resolution No. 10-1969, "A resolution respectfully memorializing the High Commissioner and the Congress of Micronesia to seriously consider giving the District Administrations more responsibility in the form of decentralization of the Trust Territory Government operations", duly adopted by the 3RD. Mariana Islands District Legislature on its current, August, 1969, session.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Luis S. Camacho
Executive Secretary

Encl.

3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 10-1969

INTRODUCED BY HON. DAVID Q. MARATITA, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER GIVING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIONS MORE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FORM OF DECENTRALIZATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel and Trust Territory High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston both indicated their concern for decentralization of the Trust Territory Government; and

WHEREAS, the implementation and success of all Trust Territory Government programs rest basically upon the District Administrations; and

WHEREAS, a decentralization of the Trust Territory operation from its Headquarters in Saipan to that of the districts would give more opportunity to Micronesians to assume greater responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, with such decentralization, Micronesians would also be learning the essential operation of good government which will be beneficial when the day arrives that each district will elect its chief executive rather than have him appointed by the High Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Mariana Islands District with its pace of development going very fast, will need to have its district employees trained in all aspect of governmental operations should autonomy come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the High Commissioner and the Congress of Micronesia are hereby memorialized to seriously consider giving the District Administrations more responsibility in the form of decentralization of the Trust Territory Government operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of this resolution to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the six District Administrators of the Trust Territory of the

Pacific Islands, and the six District Legislatures of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AUGUST 20, 1969

(Signed) VINCENTE N. SANTOS
President

(Signed) DANIEL T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary
