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

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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
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19 March 1973

President
United Nations Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to the request of the Legislature, I am transmitting to you a copy of resolution No. 44-1973, requesting the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to determine the yen and United States dollar values of property in the Trust Territory during the period for which Micronesian claims will be adjudicated prior to requiring the people to guess the value of their claims, duly and regularly adopted by the Legislature during its current first regular session.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Luis S. CAMACHO
Executive Secretary

FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 44-1973

INTRODUCED BY: HON. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE YEN AND UNITED STATES DOLLAR VALUES PROPERTY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY DURING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH MICRONESIAN CLAIMS WILL BE ADJUDICATED PRIOR TO REQUIRING THE PEOPLE TO GUESS THE VALUE OF THEIR CLAIMS

WHEREAS, in a recent meeting, members of the Micronesian War Claims Commission informed representatives of the Marianas War Claims Settlement Committee that the Micronesian War Damage Claims Settlement Commission has not yet determined the values of any property in the Trust Territory and the conversion rate of the yen to the United States dollar during the period in which the claims of Micronesians will be adjudicated prior to requiring the people to state the value of their claims; and

WHEREAS, the value of property such as food crops, coconut trees, useful fruit trees, cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, houses, water tanks, boats, tools, deaths, injuries, etc., in the early stages of the Second World War should be easily ascertained by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission that has adjudicated claims the world over and has the expertise necessary to make these determinations rather than asking to try and remember prices and values over thirty (30) years ago; and

WHEREAS, it is considered equally unreasonable for the Micronesian War Claims Commission to delay in determining the conversion rate of yen to the United States dollar prior to the filing of claims, rather than have those in authority to search the records and tell the people what conversion rate will be used by the Commission in adjudicating Micronesian claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature First Regular Session, 1973, that the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission be and hereby is requested to determine the yen and the United States dollar values of property in the Trust Territory and the conversion rate of yen to the United States dollar during the period in which the Micronesian claims will be adjudicated prior to requiring the people to guess the value of their claims; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of State, the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations and the district legislatures in the Trust Territory.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, FEBRUARY 28, 1973.

(Signed) Vicente N. SANTOS
President

(Signed) Santiago B. MAGOFNA
Legislative Secretary
