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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President:

For some time now we have been anxious to replace Edward E. Johnston, the present High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The position is a Presidential appointment and subject to Senate confirmation. Johnston, an insurance executive from Honolulu, was appointed in May of 1969 and thus has served five and one half years. I have always believed that administrators in these remote areas lose much of their effectiveness after protracted periods of continuous service. Such is the case with Johnston.

At the conclusion of the first Nixon administration I reviewed the territorial personnel situation and became increasingly disturbed with the noticeable deterioration of the management of the territory. Accordingly, I made a recommendation to the President that we make a change in the High Commissionership and informed Johnston that his resignation would be effected March 31, 1975. Due to strong pressure by Senator Fong of Hawaii, the President reversed his decision.

My conclusion remains unchanged. I recommend that as of the 1st of January we replace the present High Commissioner with a first rate administrator for the last critical phase of the trusteeship.

Respectfully yours,

(sgd) Rogers C. B. Morton

Secretary of the Interior

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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HIRAM L. FONG
HAWAII

United States Senate

Mr. Buchen:

Re: High Commissioner Ed Johnston

I am happy to send you the material requested and hope it will be of interest and value to you.

Sincerely,

Hiram L. Fong



HIRAM L. FONG
HAWAII

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 22, 1975

The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Attention: Mr. Robert Robertson

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last week when Mr. Robert Robertson of your staff came to my office, I said I would forward documents I have received over the past several years urging retention of the Honorable Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Enclosed are the documents to which I referred.

The official Micronesian expressions of support span the years 1971 through 1973; however, in my visit last October to four of the six Districts of the Trust Territory, I spoke with the Chiefs and District officials and not one of them complained about High Commissioner Johnston. Neither to my knowledge has any expression of dissatisfaction been approved by any level of Micronesian government since the February 24, 1971 resolution of the 3rd Mariana District Legislature (copy enclosed).

May I point out that this latter resolution was not concurred in by the then Director of the Office of Territories in your Department, Mrs. Betty Farrington, whose letter of disagreement is attached to the resolution. May I add that the charges that High Commissioner Johnston had "used his office to support his various business interests, and the business interests of his friends and associates in Hawaii and elsewhere to the detriment (sic) and harm of the people of the Marianas" and that he had "supported Continental/Air Micronesia, a private firm, solely to further his financial interests in Aloha Air Lines" were subsequently proven to be unfounded. For example, Mr. Johnston stated

The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
January 22, 1975
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he had never at any time had any financial interest in Aloha Air Lines, other than as a passenger, and he offered a reward to anyone who could prove otherwise. The other charges against him in the Mariana District Legislature's resolution are matters of subjective judgment, rather than questions of fact.

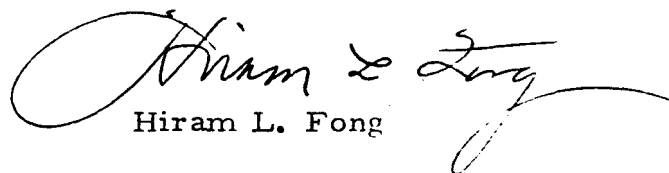
May I also call your attention to two documents concerning Mr. Richard Thorpe, who I understand has been critical of Mr. Johnston's administration of the Trust Territory. One, dated September 20, 1973, is a memorandum signed by Mr. Thomas O. Remengesau, District Administrator of Palau, in which Mr. Remengesau declared: "The position of this District, after considerable discussion and deliberations, is as follows:

- "1. Mr. Richard Thorpe is not only unwelcome here but an undesirable alien because of the personal manner in which he has conducted himself while present in this District. His personal conduct, as stated before, has been abusive, anti-social, threatening and disruptive to the peace and well-being of the citizens and residents of this District. In summary, he is persona non grata. * * *"

Attached with Mr. Remengesau's memorandum is the enclosure referred to: a memorandum dated July 11, 1973, from District Attorney for Palau John F. Votruba to the Attorney General of the Trust Territory on the subject of "Richard Thorp."

The other document, dated October 5, 1973, is from the Assistant Attorney General of the Trust Territory Carlos H. Salii to the Deputy High Commissioner and is entitled "Report on Richard Thorpe."

Sincerely yours,


Hiram L. Fong

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Enclosures

Enclosures for letter of January 22, 1975
To Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton
About Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory

Letter dated April 6, 1971 from late Chief Petrus Mailo on the occasion of performing two rare but significant ceremonies in honor of Edward E. Johnston.

Resolution adopted April 7, 1971 by Rota Municipal Council commending Edward E. Johnston "for a job well-done and requesting him to continue serving inhabitants of the Trust Territory..."

Tol Municipal Resolution No. 1-71 adopted April 13, 1971 by the Municipal Council of Tol Island, Truk District, commending and thanking Edward E. Johnston, for "his exceptional service in the government of Micronesia."

Moen Municipal Resolution No. 1-71 adopted April 13, 1971 by Moen Municipality, Truk, commending and thanking Edward E. Johnston for "his exceptional service to the people of Micronesia."

Resolution adopted April 29, 1971 by Fourth Palau Legislature commending Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, "for his efforts in increasing the budget for the Trust Territory and in decentralizing the Trust Territory Government."

Resolution commending Edward E. Johnston for "his outstanding service to the people of Micronesia." Adopted by Truk District Legislature July 28, 1971.

Resolution Expressing "Heartfelt Gratitude and Deep Appreciation" of people of Moen to Edward E. Johnston for personally extending condolences on death of late Chief Petrus Mailo. Approved by Moen Municipal Council, October 1, 1971.

Letter to President Nixon urging retention of High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston dated November 22, 1972 by Senator Lazarus E. Salii, Chairman, Joint Committee on Future Status, Congress of Micronesia; and Resolution approved December 11, 1972 by 1972 Magistrates Conference, Truk District, commending High Commissioner Johnston for "his outstanding services to the people of Micronesia and extending the vote of confidence of the people of Truk in his administration."



Letter dated December 9, 1972 to President Nixon from High Chief, Northern Palau District, Acting High Chief, Southern Palau District, and Palau District Administrator urging retention of Edward E. Johnston.

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Interview with Honorable Amata Kabua, President of Congress of Micronesia, "The Micronesia Reporter" January 1973.

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Letter dated February 12, 1973 from Ponape District Administrator Leo A. Falcam to High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston and unanimous statement of Chief Magistrates of the District urging retention of Johnston.

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S. J. Res. 3, H. D. 2 approved February 16, 1973 by Senate and House of Representatives of Congress of Micronesia urging retention of Johnston.

Senator Fong's letters dated February 21, 1973 to President Nixon and Interior Secretary Morton sending copies of S. J. Res. 3 and letter of February 12 with petition signed by traditional leaders of Ponape District urging retention of Johnston.

Senator Fong's March 13, 1973 letter to the President enclosing copy of letter to Interior Secretary Morton from traditional leaders of Marshall Islands dated March 5, 1973 urging retention of Johnston.

Letter dated March 13, 1973 from J. B. Mackenzie, Special Assistant/District Affairs, Trust Territory, to Senator Fong urging retention of Johnston.

Editorial from Pacific Daily News (Guam) reprinted in Honolulu Star-Bulletin of December 25, 1974 entitled "Johnston and Bureaucracy."

Editorial entitled "The Real Mystery" by Joe Murphy printed in Micronesian Independent.

Letter dated April 13, 1971 from Mrs. Elizabeth P. Farrington Director, Office of Territories, Dept. of Interior, disagreeing with Mariana District Legislature resolution dated February 24, 1971 expressing dissatisfaction with conduct of Johnston.

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Johnston and Bureaucracy

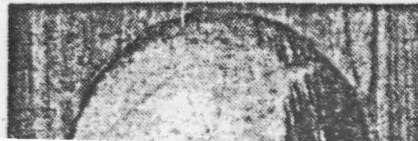
Editorial

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An editorial in the Pacific Daily News of Agana, Guam

THE OFFICE OF Territorial Affairs in the U.S. Department of Interior is a classic example of bureaucracy.

Four years ago it lost the adminis-



out for a three-day "investigation," it apparently didn't even bother to stop at the federal comptroller's office on Guam. What a waste. What a boondoggle.

Senate investigators plan to write





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The Real Mystery

by Joe Murphy

ED JOHNSTON, High Commissioner for the Trust Territory Government is getting a rather heavy dose of Washington political bullshit thrown at him these days-- and the source of the bad-mouthing amaren-

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Interview with Honorable Amata Kabua, President of the Senate of the Congress of
Micronesia, printed in "The Micronesia Reporter" January 1973.

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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

IMPORTANT !!!

Attached is a copy of a resolution approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia in February 1975, "Expressing faith in the administration of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, and formally requesting the President of the United States to refrain from making any changes in the Executive Branch of the Trust Territory Government without prior consultation with the Congress of Micronesia.





THE SENATE
 CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
 CAPITOL HILL * SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

PRESIDENT
 Tosiwo Nakayama

March 1, 1975

VICE PRESIDENT
 Lazarus E. Salli

The Honorable Edward E. Johnston
 High Commissioner
 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
 Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

FLOOR LEADER
 Ambilos Iehsi

Dear Mr. Johnston:

YAP DISTRICT
 Petrus Tun
 John A. Mangefel

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate...
 Joint Resolution No. 6-3, H.D. 3, which was
 adopted by the Senate of the Sixth Congress of
 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1975.

TRUK DISTRICT
 Tosiwo Nakayama
 Nick Bossy

Respectfully,

PONAPE DISTRICT
 Balley Otter
 Ambilos Iehsi

[Signature]
 F. Sabo Uiechong
 Clerk of the Senate

PALAU DISTRICT
 Lazarus E. Salli
 Roman Tmetuchi

MARSHALLS DISTRICT
 Amata Kabua
 Wilfred I. Kendall

MARIANAS DISTRICT
 Olympio T. Borja
 Pedro A. Tenorio

RECEIVED 1400 hrs.
 SATURDAY, 3/1/75
[Signature]





Congress of Micronesia

CAPITOL HILL

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Tosiwo Nakayama

S.J.R. NO. 6-3, H.D. 3

MARIANAS DISTRICT
Olympio T. Borja
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THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

MARSHALLS DISTRICT
Amata Kabua
Wilfred I. Kendall

We hereby certify that the following Joint Resolution was adopted in the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia, Sixth Congress, First Regular Session, 1975, by a majority vote of the members of the Senate present, a quorum being present.

PALAU DISTRICT
Lazarus E. Salii
Roman Tmetuchl

PONAPE DISTRICT
Ambilos Iehsi
Bailey Olter

TRUK DISTRICT
Nick Bossy
Tosiwo Nakayama

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TOSIWO NAKAYAMA
President of the Senate

YAP DISTRICT
John A. Mangefel
Petrus Tun

F. SABO ULECHONG
Clerk of the Senate

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER
Bethwel Henry

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

MARIANAS DISTRICT
Herman Guerrero
Jose Mafnas
Oscar Rasa

We hereby certify that the following Joint Resolution was adopted in the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia, Sixth Congress, First Regular Session, 1975, by a majority vote of the members of the House present, a quorum being present.

MARSHALLS DISTRICT
Ataji Balos
Carmen Bigler
Charles Dornick
Ekpap Silk

PALAU DISTRICT
Polycarp Basilius
Kuniwo Nakamura
Isidoro Rudimch

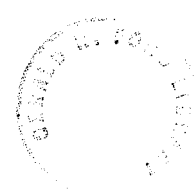
PONAPE DISTRICT
Edgar Edwards
Bethwel Henry
Resio Moses
Joab Sigrah

TRUK DISTRICT
Lambert Aafin
Chiro Albert
Sesauo Haruo
Kalisto Refonopei
Raymond Setik

YAP DISTRICT
John Hagelgam
Luke Tman

Bethwel Henry
BETHWEL HENRY, Speaker
House of Representatives

Asterio R. Takesy
ASTERIO R. TAKESY, Clerk
House of Representatives



SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1975

**A SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION**

~~Expressing faith in the administration of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, and formally requesting the President of the United States to refrain from making any changes in the Executive Branch of the Trust Territory Government without prior consultation with the Congress of Micronesia.~~

OFFERED BY SENATOR John A. Mangefel + 1

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Date 1/17/75

Senate Action:

Committee Referral: J & GO
Date : 1/18/75
Committee Report : 6-62
Adopted : 2/21/75

House Action:

Committee Referral : J & GR
Date : 2/24/75
Committee Report : 6-96
Adopted : 2/27/75



F. Sabo Ulochong
Clerk of the Senate



A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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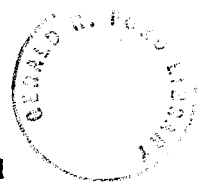
1 WHEREAS, the people and government of the United States recently
2 ~~came out of the trauma of having to inaugurate a new President and a~~
3 ~~Vice-President; and~~

4 WHEREAS, ~~the constitutional processes of the United States~~
5 normally require pro forma and courtesy resignations of politically
6 appointed department heads of the major departments of the Executive
7 Branch of the United States Government and thus allow the new
8 President ~~an opportunity to appoint candidates of his choice for these~~
9 ~~positions; and~~

10 WHEREAS, ~~the chief executive of the government of the Trust~~
11 Territory of the Pacific Islands is by United States law appointed
12 by the President of the United States, and with the advice and consent
13 of the United States Congress, the High Commissioner of the Trust
14 Territory serves at the pleasure of the United States President; and

15 WHEREAS, as the new President of the United States begins his
16 administration, he will more than likely review the tenure of office
17 of the present High Commissioner of the Trust Territory and consider
18 other possible candidates; and

19 WHEREAS, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, the
20 Honorable Edward E. Johnston, has made every attempt to become
21 acquainted with the economic, social and political situations and
22 problems of the Trust Territory and has shown the type of leadership



1 most conducive to further development of the Trust Territory; and

2 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia has and will continue to
3 pledge its support to the Honorable Edward E. Johnston and his
4 administration and predicts dire consequences should he be replaced
5 at this critical period in the history of Micronesia; now, therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Sixth Congress of Micronesia,
7 First Regular Session, 1975, the House of Representatives concurring,
8 that this Congress express its gratitude and faith in the High
9 Commissioner of the Trust Territory, the Honorable Edward E. Johnston,
10 and the sincere gratitude of the people of Micronesia for his sustained
11 and relentless efforts to improve the welfare and well-being of the
12 people of Micronesia; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by means of this Joint Resolution,
14 this Congress pledges its continued support to the Honorable Edward E.
15 Johnston and his administration; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States
17 is hereby formally requested to refrain from making any changes in
18 the Executive Branch of the Trust Territory Government without prior
19 consultation with, and concurrence of, the Congress of Micronesia and
20 its leadership; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint
22 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States
23 Government; the Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee
24 on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Chairman of the U.S. Senate
25 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Secretary of the



1 U.S. Department of the Interior; and the High Commissioner of the

2 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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4 Adopted: February 27, 1975

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7 his sustained and relentless efforts to improve the welfare and well-
8 being of the people of Micronesia; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by means of this Joint Resolution,
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11 the Honorable Edward E. Johnston and his administration; and

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22 Department of the Interior and the High Commissioner of the Trust
23 Territory of the Pacific Islands.



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25 Date: Jun. 17, 1975

Introduced by: John Mangefel
John Mangefel

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SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1975

S. J. R. NO. 6-3

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing pride and faith in the administration of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, and formally requesting the President of the United States to refrain from making any changes in the Executive Branch of the Trust Territory Government without prior consultation with the Congress of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the people and Government of the United States recently
2 came out of the trauma of having to inaugurate a new President and a
3 Vice-President as a result of the Watergate incident; and

4 WHEREAS, the constitutional processes of the United States normally
5 require pro-forma and courtesy resignations of politically appointed
6 department heads of the major departments of the Executive Branch of the
7 United States Government and thus allow the new President an opportunity
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19 Edward E. Johnston, has made every attempt to become acquainted with
20 the economic, social and political situations and problems of the Trust
21 Territory and has succeeded in providing the type of leadership most
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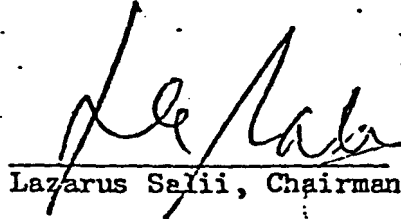
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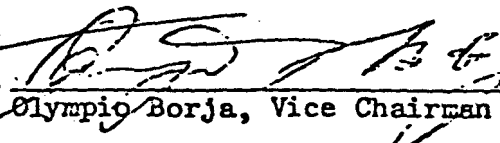
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RE: S.J.R. NO. 6-3

Your Committee is therefore in accord with the intent and purposes of Senate Joint Resolution No. 6-3, and recommends its adoption by the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

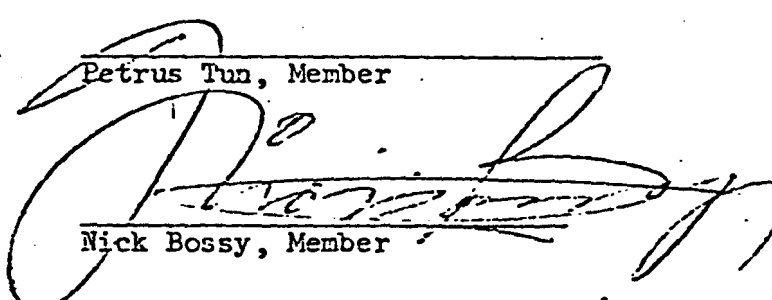

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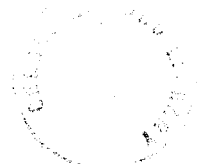
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Nick Bossy, Member



FEBRUARY 21, 1975

RE: S.J.R. NO. 6-3

conditions prevailing in the Trust Territory today, it is important that Edward E. Johnston be retained as High Commissioner.

The accomplishments of his administration have not been inconsiderable. Substantial progress has been made over the past five years in Micronesia, whether or not we believe that progress has come at a sufficiently rapid pace. Without a doubt, there have been incidents of inefficiency, of actions which we would have preferred not to have seen taken, and the like, but the incidents of this nature have been reduced substantially over the past few years, as the High Commissioner grew both personally and in his position. Today, in sturning contrast to the provincial, politically-appointed and oriented former insurance man, we have a competent and capable chief executive who possesses important qualities that no new appointee could possibly have: a thorough knowledge of the Trust Territory, and a considerable appreciation and understanding of its people.

These are critical times for Micronesia, times in which we face a series of important decisions which will mold and shape our future. It would take at least two years before a new High Commissioner could hope to make decisions that properly balanced all the many considerations which must be taken into account. During this period, Micronesia would be worse than leaderless -- we would have a chief executive making decisions without sufficient information or experience to justify them. Whatever our disagreements with Mr. Johnston -- and there have admittedly been many, whatever shortcomings he has -- and he, like all of us, is far from perfect his continuation in office at this point is infinitely preferable to what we are likely to obtain as a replacement. He is a known quantity: a new High Commissioner is not. We know we can live with him -- and we cannot make that statement about an unknown replacement.

Whatever his detractors can say about him, it cannot be said in all honesty that Edward E. Johnston has not made an honest effort to live up to those commitments he made to this Congress in 1970.

FEBRUARY 21, 1975

RE: S.J.R. NO. 6-3

basically wrong in a government of free men and women in a free society, I am constantly aware of my duty to be responsive to the wishes of that electorate and to meet with as many of them as possible as often as possible. At a meeting of the Pacific Legislative Conference a few days after I arrived on Saipan as your new High Commissioner, I made the remark that I would always try to conduct my Administration of the Trust Territory as though I had been elected Governor -- and hoped to be re-elected.'

"That statement is as true today as it was then, despite the many and varied external pressures which are inevitably brought to bear upon the Office of the High Commissioner.

"I have always contended, and still strongly contend, that the individual serving in this difficult and often thankless position can be a completely loyal American citizen and yet be primarily motivated to serve the people of Micronesia in the true spirit of the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement which establishes the United States of America as your Administering Authority."

Your Committee wishes that there were a choice in the matter, for as this Congress has suggested on many occasions, both to the United States as well as to the United Nations, development toward self-government means that the people of Micronesia should, either through the advice and consent process or by direct election, choose their chief executive; or, in the alternative, that a Trust Territory citizen should be appointed as High Commissioner. These are still our preferences. Unfortunately, the Administering Authority has replied to us and to the United Nations on every occasion that as long as it has Trusteeship responsibilities, Micronesia will continue to have an American citizen, appointed by the United States Government alone, as High Commissioner. The choices, then, at the moment, are thus limited to two: the retention of Edward E. Johnston, or the appointment of a new High Commissioner by the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the United States Senate. We think the choice is a clear one. In light of the



THE SENATE
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

COMMITTEE on
JUDICIARY and
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6-62

FEBRUARY 21, 1975

RE: S.J.R. NO. 6-3

Lazarus Salii, Chairman

Olympio T. Borja, Vice Chairman
Ambilos Iendi
Petrus Tun
Wilfred I. Kendall
Nick Bussy

The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama
President of the Senate
Sixth Congress of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred S.J.R. No. 6-3, entitled:

S.J.R. No. 6-3, "EXPRESSING PRIDE AND FAITH IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE HONORABLE EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, AND FORMALLY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are set forth in its title.

No one is more aware than this Congress that the High Commissioner is not "our" chief executive -- unless it is the High Commissioner himself. As he noted in his State of the Territory Message this year,

"In my State of the Territory message to the Third Regular Session of the Third Congress of Micronesia in July of 1970, I stated as follows:

'While I readily admit that I was not chosen your Chief Executive by the electorate, and that this is





TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
SAIPAN MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

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February 22, 1975

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The Honorable Hiram L. Fong
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Hiram:

Just a brief letter to bring you up-to-date on several developments.

First, I am enclosing a copy of my letter in reply to the Secretary's recent letter, a copy of which is enclosed for your information. I thought it best, under present circumstances to make the letter rather non-specific but felt that I should acknowledge receipt of it.

Second, I am enclosing a copy of a recent memorandum for the record from one of our Trust Territory employees concerning the conduct of one of the members of the investigating team. At first we were somewhat skeptical of this report and had given it no distribution. However, the person who overheard the conversation referred to has now furnished us with a sworn affidavit of the authenticity of the statement.

Third, I am sure you will be pleased that the resolution concerning my tenure as High Commissioner, of which you have a copy, passed the Senate unanimously this morning and will, undoubtedly, pass the House within the next two or three days. I have been assured that it will pass the House with no great opposition by several members of that body. I will let you know by wire or telephone as soon as it has officially passed both houses and will see that you get an official copy as quickly as possible.

Based on a telephone call from Interior officials this morning, I will be required to arrive in Washington on or before March 3 so will have a full week there before the hearing of Senator Jackson's Committee begins.

Thanks, again, for your wonderful understanding and support.

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
WESTERN SAMOA
WESTERN SAMOA ISLAND GROUP

February 22, 1975

The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 3, which I received a few days ago upon my return from presiding over a meeting of the Pacific Islands Development Commission in the Truk District.

Since I understand from members of your staff that I should be in Washington not later than March 3 to confer with them on the Senate Interior Committee hearings which begin on March 10, I am hoping that, despite your busy schedule, we can have an hour or so to thoroughly discuss the present situation in the Trust Territory.

As always, I look forward to meeting with you.

My very best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner





THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1975

Dear Ed:

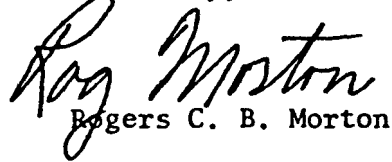
With the election of new governors in Guam and the Virgin Islands, the appointment of a new governor for American Samoa and the return of the Director of Territorial Affairs to the State Department, we are experiencing a substantial change in senior territorial policy officials. It is my view that periodic changes in positions of that nature serve a beneficial and constructive purpose and are in the best interest of the President and the constituencies which are served. You will recall that we discussed this some time ago, so I know you appreciate my view.

While I recognize your many years of service as the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, I have nevertheless concluded that this would be a propitious time to make a change in your position. I have discussed this with the President and he concurs. Accordingly, at his request and on his behalf, I request your resignation effective March 15, 1975.

I look forward to receiving any suggestions you may have on the wording of the announcement to be made in Washington about your departure.

We appreciate your many years of faithful service to the President and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Sincerely,


Rogers C. B. Morton

Honorable Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner of the Trust
Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
TTPI/LNO Okinawa,
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23 December 1974

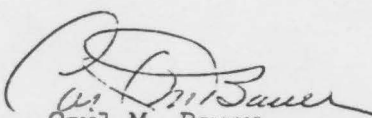
Memorandum for the Record

The purpose of this memorandum is to make a record of a conversation that occurred between Mr. Gus Taitano, PURA Monitor, Hq. Procurement and Supply Division, Saipan, and the undersigned, on 20 December 1974, at approximately 1100 hours, in the lobby of the Continental Hotel at Saipan.

In discussing various aspects and problems involved with PURA requisitioning procedures between Okinawa and Hq. P & S Division, the discussion drifted to the recent visit to Saipan by investigators of the U. S. Senate Interior Committee. Mr. Taitano told me that some of the people at P & S Division gave a beach party for the investigators while they were at Saipan, with beer, chicken, and ribs. I told Mr. Taitano that I thought it was a shame the way Hicom was being hit with a lot of ridiculous charges, and that Senate investigators were sent to the TTPI merely on the word of one dissatisfied junk dealer.

Mr. Taitano then made the following statement to me, and I quote his exact words. "You know, Carl, one of the investigators at the beach party we had, the black investigator, pointed to Capitol Hill and said, we're going to kill the big white ass on that hill." I asked Mr. Taitano if he was sure that that particular investigator made such a statement, and he replied, yes--that others there might also have heard it, but he wasn't sure. I asked Mr. Taitano if he knew the name of the investigator, but he said he couldn't remember. He also stated that the investigator had been drinking and probably didn't know or mean what he said.

The discussion then turned to the P & S Division Christmas party scheduled that night. Mr. Taitano stated that the Hicom would attend, and I asked him to please pass my regards to Mr. Johnston, as I could not attend for the reason that I was returning to Okinawa that evening.


Carl M. Bauer
Supply Services Officer, GS-12
TTPI-LNO Okinawa



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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Letter dated March 13, 1973 from J. B. Mackenzie, Special Assistant/District Affairs, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, to Senator Fong urging retention of Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner.



J. Mackenzie
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Box 162, Capitol Hill Branch
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950
March 13, 1973

The Honorable Hiram L. Fong
United States Senate
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Fong:

One of the privileges of an American citizen is that he is able to appeal through his Congressmen to the President of the United States on what he considers would be best for the United States. I feel that the future of Micronesia in its relationship to the United States depends upon what happens in the next four years. This will be the greatest period of change in status negotiations between the two countries. The direction in which Micronesia decides to go will depend upon who is their High Commissioner during these critical four years.

My endorsement again is the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, the present High Commissioner. Mr. Johnston of all of the six High Commissioners that I have served under has done more to carry out his duties as the head of this vast government. He has had to make difficult administrative decisions and has done so with wisdom and honesty. There have been many Public Laws cross his desk from the Congress of Micronesia, that were difficult to veto in view of what the reactions would be from the Congress of Micronesia members and the followers of the independent movement. He has been pressured through threats over the telephone and through attacks in the newspapers; all through this, he has given decisions that would best serve the people of Micronesia.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Mackenzie

J. B. Mackenzie
Special Assistant/District Affairs
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Senator Fong's March 13, 1973 letter to the President enclosing copy of letter to Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton from traditional leaders of Marshall Islands dated March 5, 1973 urging retention of Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.



March 13, 1973

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A strong endorsement of the retention of Mr. Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, was signed by the traditional leaders of the Marshall Islands District and was sent on March 5 to Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton.

So that you might also know of their support, I am herewith enclosing a copy of the letter.

With best wishes and warm aloha,

Sincerely yours,

Hiram L. Fong

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Enclosure



TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

MARSHALLS DISTRICT

March 5, 1973

Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We, the traditional leaders of the Marshall Islands, make this appeal to you and ask your assistance in retaining the services and leadership of Edward E. Johnston as our High Commissioner. The High Commissioner, and his administration of the Trust Territory, has been carrying his mission throughout our islands with an unprecedented recognition of and respect for our traditional system and its values in our daily lives. We strongly feel that High Commissioner Johnston has the patience and understanding to accept the traditional values which should be preserved, and at the same time, he is able to demonstrate the courage in suggesting improvements to our traditional system where necessary. We feel that he has the necessary wisdom and sincere understanding of the people's needs, desires, and aspirations in his leadership of the administration of the Trust Territory government. He has been a dedicated leader and firm in his pursuit for the welfare and development of our islands. We feel that he has set an important example in his office for future Micronesian High Commissioners to follow.

Also at this time, Mr. Secretary, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to you, to the leaders and the people of your country, for the valuable contributions you have made in enabling positive and tangible developments to be made in our islands. It is needless to stress that our educational system, health services, roads and airfields, transportation and communication, public utilities and services through Administration, Public Works, Peace Corps, Micronesian Legal Services and Civic Action Program, could not have been accomplished nor improved so greatly without your continued interest and dedication to our welfare, however small and isolated we may be situated within your vast and widespread boundaries of responsibility. Please convey our request and gratitude to the President of the United States of America.

Respectfully yours,



William Harrison
Limojwa Nittel
Leroj of the
Following Atolls

1. Aur
2. Maloelap
3. Wotje
4. Erikub
5. Utirik
6. Bikar
7. Ailuk
8. Jemo
9. Bokak
10. Toke
11. Erkub

Lepelan Bobua
Lejellon Kabua
Iroi of the
Following Atolls

1. Kwajalein
2. Ailinglaplap
3. Ujae
4. Lae
5. Wotto
6. Rongelap
7. Lib
8. Jaluit
9. Namorik
10. Jabat
11. Namu

Kabua Kabua
Kabua Kabua
Iroi of the
Following Atolls

1. Kwajalein
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3. Ebon
4. Namorik
5. Jabat
6. Lib
7. Jaluit

Albert Loeak
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Iroi of the
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3. Namorik
4. Jabat
5. Namu
6. Lib
7. Rongerik

John
Joba Kabua
Iroi

1. Maju



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February 21, 1973

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Following up my January 12 letter to you urging retention of Mr. Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, I am pleased to enclose further documentation containing expressions of local Micronesian support for his continuance in office.

The enclosed copy of Senate Joint Resolution 3 of the Fifth Congress of Micronesia is indeed significant. Although it contains amendatory language (underscored) added by the Micronesian House of Representatives affirming the Congress' long-time position favoring Micronesians for its highest officials, it recognizes that the United States cannot make any such commitment at this time. Therefore, through the resolution both the House and Senate are officially endorsing Mr. Johnston as High Commissioner.

Also enclosed is a copy of a February 12 letter from Ponape District Administrator Leo A. Falcam transmitting a petition signed by all the Nanmwarkis (traditional leaders) of the Ponape District, who request retention of Ed Johnston as High Commissioner.

With best personal regards and warm aloha,

Sincerely yours,

Hiram L. Fong

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February 21, 1973

Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

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In addition, I am attaching herewith a copy of two letters of endorsement recently sent to President Nixon, one from Representative Felipe Q. Atalig, Mariana Islands District, Congress of Micronesia, and the other from Lieutenant Governor Kurt S. Moylan of Guam.

With best wishes and warm aloha,

Sincerely yours,

Hiram L. Fong

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Enclosures



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Senate Joint Resolution 3, H. D. 2 approved February 16, 1973 by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia urging retention of Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner.





THE SENATE
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
FIFTH CONGRESS, FIRST REGULAR SESSION 1973

February 23, 1973

PRESIDENT
Tosiwo Nakayama

VICE PRESIDENT
Lazarus E. Salli

FLOOR LEADER
Ambilios Iehsi

YAP DISTRICT
Petrus Tun
John A. Mangofel

TRUK DISTRICT
Tosiwo Nakayama
Andon Amaralch

PONAPE DISTRICT
Ealroy Oitor
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Lazarus E. Salli
Roman Tmetuchi

MARSHALLS DISTRICT
Amara Kadua
Wilfred I. Kendall

MARIANAS DISTRICT
Clympio T. Borja
Edward DLG. Pangolinan

Mr. Neiman Craley, Jr.
Special Assistant/Legislative Affairs
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Craley:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate
 Joint Resolution No. 3, H.D.2, which was
 adopted by the Fifth Congress of Micronesia, First
 Regular Session of January, 1973.

Respectfully,

F. Babo Ulechong
Clerk of the Senate



A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Edward E. Johnston, should be permitted to continue in his present position.

1 WHEREAS, Micronesia is presently entering a most critical
2 period of political development; and

3 WHEREAS, this Congress by its legislative enactment and
4 through its leadership has taken the position that the highest
5 officials in the executive and judicial branches of the Trust
6 Territory Government should be selected from and among qualified
7 Micronesian citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, on January 9, 1973, this Congress was formally
9 advised that the United States will "remain, until termination
10 of the Trusteeship Agreement, obligated to work toward advancement
11 in health, education, social matters and economic development and
12 commerce, in addition to the political advancement. . ." of
13 Micronesia and that because of "this multiple responsibility"
14 the United States is unable "at this time to make any definite
15 commitment . . ." regarding the wishes of the people of Micronesia
16 as expressed through their elected representatives; and

17 WHEREAS, a precipitous change in the present Administration
18 of the Trust Territory Government would tend to disrupt the
19 developments in Micronesia; now, therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Fifth Congress of Micronesia,
21 First Regular Session, 1973, the House of Representatives concurring,
22 that it is the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that the High
23 Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Edward
24 E. Johnston, should be permitted to continue in his present

25 position; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Senate
2 Joint Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United
3 States; the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
4 President of the Senate, United States Congress; the Secretary
5 of the Interior and the High Commissioner.

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7 Adopted: February 16, 1973

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Congress of Micronesia

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MARIANA ISLANDS

96950

SENATE

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S.J.R. No. 3, H.D.2

THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

We hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Resolution was adopted in the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia, Fifth Congress, First Regular Session, 1973, by a majority vote of the members of the Senate present, a quorum being present.

TOSIWO NAKAYAMA
President of the Senate

E. SABU ULESHONG
Clerk of the Senate

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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- MARIANAS DISTRICT
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Timothy Oikeriil
- PONAPE DISTRICT
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Masao Nakayama
Ray Setik
Machime O'Sonis
- YAP DISTRICT
Luke M. Tman
John Rugulimar

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

We hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Resolution was adopted in the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia, Fifth Congress, First Regular Session, 1973, by a majority vote of the members of the House present, a quorum being present.

BETHWEL HENRY, Speaker
House of Representatives

ASTERIO R. TAKESI, Clerk
House of Representatives



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Letters dated February 6, 1973 to President Nixon and Interior Secretary Morton from then Lt. Governor Kurt S. Moylan of Guam urging retention of Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner.



February 6, 1973

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Edward F. Johnston, presently your High Commissioner of the Trust Territory Islands of the Pacific.

I understand there is a possibility that Ed will not be re-appointed.

I feel that replacing Ed at this time will hurt our image with the rest of Micronesia. With the Northern Marianas speaking to Ambassador Hayden Williams separately on becoming part of America, it would be inconceivable to replace him at this time.

I certainly hope that you will retain him and continue the present administration until Micronesia changes its status.

Hafa Dai and kindest regards.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Kurt S. Moylan
(Lt. Governor)
Territory of Guam

CC: High Commissioner Edward Johnston





TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM
96910

KURT S. MOYLAN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 6, 1973

C
The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Secretary Morton:

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I understand that there is some serious discussion on the possibility of replacing Edward E. Johnston as the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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I want to speak on Ed's behalf. I feel that he has done a creditable job and that a change at this time would cause us more damage in an already delicate position in Micronesia. With the status talks coming to a head, I cannot see why we would want to change now.

I hope you will recommend him to President Nixon.

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Hafa Dai and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Kurt S. Moylan

CC: Senator Hiram Fong ✓



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Senator Clifford P. Hansen's letters of January 29, 1973 to President Nixon and Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton urging retention of Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

HENRY M. JACKSON, CHAIRMAN
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MARK O. MATFIELD, OREG.

JERRY T. VERKLER, STAFF DIRECTOR

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 29, 1973

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to my attention that the retention of Mr. Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is currently under consideration.

During Commissioner Johnston's four-year tenure in this position, he has earned the respect of the majority of the people of Micronesia. This is certainly a tribute to the whole-hearted effort which he has put into the performance of the duties and responsibilities as High Commissioner.

Because Commissioner Johnston is a citizen of Hawaii, I believe that he has been able to empathize with the people of Micronesia and, thus, more effectively work to provide viable solutions to the problems which confront the Territory.

In this time of vociferous discord which so many of us face, I believe Mr. Johnston has done an outstanding job and hope that he will be retained as High Commissioner so that he might continue the work that he has so admirably begun.

Your consideration will be most appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Hansen
U S S

CPH:pr
bcc: Honorable Hiram L. Fong



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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 29, 1973

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In this time of vociferous discord which so many of us face, I believe Mr. Johnston has done an outstanding job and hope that he will be retained as High Commissioner so that he might continue the work that he has so admirably begun.

Your consideration will be most appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Hansen
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CPH:pl

bcc: Honorable Hiram L. Fong



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Senator Paul J. Fannin's letters of January 24, 1973 to Special Assistant to the President at White House and to Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton urging retention of Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.



PAUL J. FANNIN
ARIZONA

To Asst. Sec. 11422

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 24, 1973

Mr. Jerry H. Jones
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Jones:

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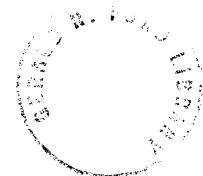
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United States Senator

PF/mml

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January 24, 1973

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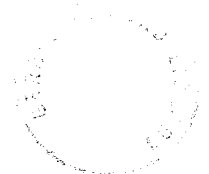
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MEMORANDUM

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
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February 12, 1973

As you are well aware, Micronesia is deep into its negotiations with your government as to the future political status of the Trust Territory upon the termination of the trusteeship. High Commissioner Johnston is acutely aware of the intricacies of these negotiations and of all the problems attending them. If he were replaced now his successor would most likely find himself without a trust territory before he had learned enough about Micronesia to become effective as High Commissioner. I do not think the chief executive of the Trust Territory should be replaced now that the termination of the trusteeship is imminent.

I heartily endorse High Commissioner Johnston and I respectfully urge that you refuse his resignation.

Respectfully yours,

Felipe Q. Atalig
Representative, Mariana Islands District
Congress of Micronesia

cc: High Commissioner Johnston ✓
Ambassador Franklin Hayden Williams



February 12, 1973

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Mr. President:

This epistle is to strongly urge you to refuse to accept the resignation of the Honorable Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

As a member of the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia, representative of the Mariana Islands District, I have had the opportunity to observe at close hand Mr. Johnston's performance as High Commissioner, and I consider his performance to date to be admirable. Most Micronesians, in my opinion, are quite happy with Mr. Johnston's record and wish him to remain.

During his tenure of office, Mr. Johnston has initiated numerous improvements in the Trust Territory Government and has constantly sought to improve the quality of the employees of our government. I would not suggest, of course, that High Commissioner Johnston has managed to please everyone all of the time. That would be impossible in his position, and I have myself heatedly disagreed with his decisions from time to time. But he has made himself accessible, and he has shown that he genuinely cares about what Micronesians want and expect from their government.



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Letter dated February 12, 1973 from Ponape District Administrator Leo A. Falcam to High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston and unanimous statement of Chief Magistrates of the District urging retention of Mr. Johnston as High Commissioner.





TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
PONAPE DISTRICT
PONAPE, EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS 96941

CABLE ADDRESS
DISTAD PONAPE

February 12, 1973

The Honorable Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The attached statement by the Nanmwarkis of Ponape and the Mayor of Kolonia Town is being forwarded in order that your office may in turn send it to the Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Please note that the statement was drafted last week at a meeting held by all traditional leaders and their representatives here in Kolonia. As you may note all the traditional leaders have signed the statement and trust that the Secretary of the Department of Interior will consider their wishes with favor.

The District-wide Chief Magistrates Conference concluded on Tuesday, February 6, 1973. I understand a statement or a resolution on the same subject was also unanimously passed, which we will be forwarding to your office for further transmittal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior, as soon as we receive it.

Sincerely,

Leo A. Falcam
District Administrator

Attachment

cc: All Nanmwarkis



We, the undersigned in our recent meeting in Kolonia Town, Ponape have agreed, with the best of our knowledge, to urge the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to support us High Chiefs of Ponape Island and Mayor of Kolonia Town, Ponape to request the President of the United States to retain Mr. Edward E. Johnston as the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

We are hopeful that the President of the United States will agree with us in recognizing the fact that Mr. Edward E. Johnston has accomplished a great many things during his past administration which are commendable. Mr. Edward E. Johnston has demonstrated his concern for equality in job responsibilities for the Micronesians. We are prepared once more to render our full support and cooperation during his new administration period.

Samuel Hadley
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High Chief
Madolenihmw Municipality
Ponape, ECI

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High Chief
Uh Municipality
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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Senator Hiram Fong's letters of January 12, 1973 to President Nixon and Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton urging retention of Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.



A. J. Johnston

January 12, 1973

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

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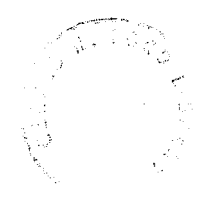
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With warmest aloha and best wishes for your coming term, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hiram L. Fong

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January 12, 1973

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Washington, D. C. 20240

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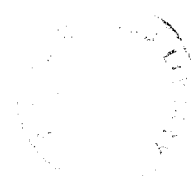
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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Letter dated January 11, 1973 from J. Boyd Mackenzie, Special Assistant for District Affairs, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, to President Nixon urging retention of High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston.





TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

CABLE ADDRESS
HICOTT SAIPAN

January 11, 1973.

The Honorable Richard E. Nixon
President
The United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

This is probably one of the busiest periods of your career. I do not presume that this letter will receive any precedence over your multitude of official correspondence that must be flooding your office. Therefore, to the person who scans it, I ask indulgence. Americans have a special privilege in being able to write to their President. This is my first effort in that respect. Your able Assistants, who review the thousands of letters addressed to your High Office, face a tremendous task. It is my hope that some small note of my following request will reach you directly, or indirectly.

I am, one of your Civil Servants, born and raised in Hawaii, Republican, and have exercised my absentee voting rights to add my name to the millions who overwhelmingly re-elected you to the Presidency.

Since 1954, I have lived and worked in the United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The area known as Micronesia. I have served as District Administrator in the Marshall Islands (Acting); Truk, Eastern Caroline Islands; Palau, Western Caroline Islands; Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands; and, presently am Special Assistant for District Affairs here at Headquarters of the Trust Territory on Saipan. I have two sons born in Micronesia (natural children), and nine adopted Micronesian boys and girls. My wife and I feel somewhat qualified to address you regarding the pending future of this area and it's people we love so much.

In short, I am asking you to accept my word that our present High Commissioner, Edward E. Johnston, be retained in his present capacity. He has done more than any other predecessor I have served under to carry out to the fullest extent his position. Micronesia, right now is going through a change that is unknown in it's entire history. Continuity, especially now, is of the utmost importance! Please, Sir, keep the faith with the Micronesian people and retain this just and extremely able man.



At this writing, the Fifth Congress of Micronesia is convening here on Saipan. Mr. President, without false modesty, I know personally all of the Members. They have accepted me and my family as a part of Micronesia. We have received titles that heretofore have been given only to Micronesians. We have been granted the rare distinction and title of Honorary Micronesians.

They have asked most anxiously, "Are we to have yet another change?" So many improvements in every field of endeavor are now in process. It would be a lack of trust, in their eyes, if you were to appoint someone else as High Commissioner. Our present High Commissioner, Mr. Johnston, knows the people and the many problems that beset this area in it's era of virtual rebirth.

The position is, of course, a Political one. Since July 1, 1951, there have been six High Commissioners. To the Micronesian people, the person so designated is looked upon as a High Chief of all the Clans. They do not understand why a Chief should be changed. Especially when he obviously truly likes and tries unceasingly to help and understand them. In these trying times, with these islands becoming of greater importance in this part of the world, we need their understanding and help.

We have had the honor and pleasure of meeting the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Morton -- we read with relief that you are retaining him in your Cabinet. Your Ambassadors, Mr. F. Haydn Williams and W. Tapley Bennett as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial Affairs, Mr. Stanley S. Carpenter have been our honored guests in the Districts.

Shortly, the United Nations Visiting Mission will be visiting Micronesia. They do ask questions! Frankly, some of them have been a disappointment -- unlike Statesmen -- and treating their tour more as a pleasure jaunt instead of admitting that our United States Government has done an outstanding job of helping the Micronesian people. Mr. Johnston would be able and most capable of answering any and all queries put to him. He has in no way solicited this poor attempt on my part to intercede in his behalf. He is my boss, granted. But, so are you, Mr. President. I hope and trust some words of mine will be acted upon. If not by yourself, than by those of your Staff who assist you in such matters. I congratulate you, Mr. President, upon your re-election.

Sincerely,

J. Boyd Mackenzie
Special Assistant for District Affairs

Capital Hill Box 162
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

cc: Senator Hiram L. Fong



TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
PALAU, DISTRICT
PALAU, WESTERN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

POSTAL ADDRESS:
DISTRICT PALAU

December 9, 1972

Received 12/14/72

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C.
United States of America

Dear President Nixon:

We bring you greetings and best wishes from the people of Palau District, United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. We wish you success in your new Administration.

Mr. President, the purpose of this letter is to recommend that the present High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mr. Edward E. Johnston, be retained in his present position during your next term of Administration. We understand that it is a standard practice in the American political system for high public officials to tender in their resignations when a new Administration takes office. We believe this system is highly indicative of a democratic government and one that makes your country the freest society in the world. However, if you have received Mr. Johnston's formal resignation, we recommend that it not be accepted because he is the best administrator we ever had in the Trust Territory.

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Respectfully yours,

for Reklai Lomisang
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High Chief
Northern Palau District

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District Administrator
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cc: Mr. Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary of the Department of the Interior
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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Letter dated December 9, 1972 to President Nixon from High Chief, Northern Palau District, Acting High Chief, Southern Palau District, and Palau District Administrator urging retention of Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.





TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
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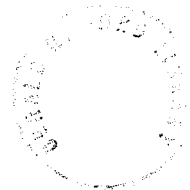
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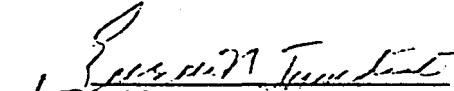
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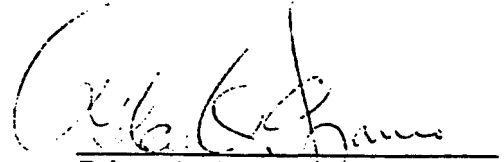
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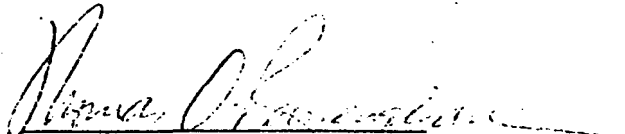


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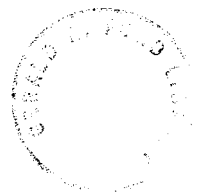
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MEMORANDUM

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
Saipan, Mariana Islands, 96950

November 22, 1972

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge the retention of Mr. Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Administering the Trust Territory is no easy task. As the Micronesians strive to attain a greater degree of autonomy in their internal affairs, differences inevitably arise between the federal policy and Micronesians desires. Conflicts develop in which the High Commissioner often finds himself the unfavorable scapegoat. Adhering to Washington policies and directives make him - many times - traitor to his "constituents" in Micronesia, while the reverse brands him a disloyal American in Washington.

It would take a super human to administer this area to everyone's satisfaction. Yet, with experience and time to develop a feeling for the islands, a reasonably intelligent and hard working person can perform the job.

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I believe that a change of our Chief Executive at this critical juncture in our development would set us back considerably. I, therefore, urge you to retain Mr. Johnston as High Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Lazarus E. Salii, Senator
Chairman, Joint Committee
on Future Status

cc: Secretary of the Interior

bcc: Mr. Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner



A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE HONORABLE EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, AND EXTENDING THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF TRUK IN HIS ADMINISTRATION

1 WHEREAS, the proper development of Micronesia greatly depends upon the
2 quality of leadership and sincerity of purpose any incumbent High Commissioner
3 possesses; and

4 WHEREAS, Micronesia has never before had a High Commissioner who
5 possessed as much of these qualities as in the person of The Honorable
6 Edward E. Johnston, the present incumbent High Commissioner; and

7 WHEREAS, High Commissioner Johnston has demonstrated beyond question
8 his sincere concern for the proper development of Micronesia and for the
9 well being of her people; and

10 WHEREAS, The Honorable Edward E. Johnston extends himself further and
11 becomes the first High Commissioner to recognize and make maximum use of the
12 native intelligence and managerial capability of the Micronesian people by
13 appointing them to positions of high responsibility within the Government
14 of Micronesia; and

15 WHEREAS, High Commissioner Johnston is widely acclaimed as one who
16 firmly believes in and practices the philosophy of decentralized government,
17 thus giving the people of Micronesia the opportunity to fully participate in
18 the operations of their government; and

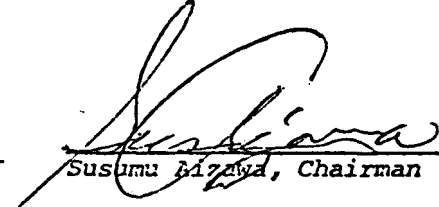
19 WHEREAS, the people of Truk join their fellow Micronesians in acknow-
20 ledging the outstanding qualities and excellent performance of The Honorable
21 Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner, and wish to commend and wish him
22 well in his difficult task as High Commissioner; and

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 1972 Magistrates Conference of
24 Truk District that The Honorable Edward E. Johnston be and hereby is
25 commended for his outstanding performance as High Commissioner of the Trust
26 Territory of the Pacific Islands and to give unto him and his Administration
27 the unequivocal Vote of Confidence of the People of Truk, and pray that his
28 outstanding services to Micronesia shall continue in the future unabated by
29 external influences; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Edward E. Johnston with a copy to The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, The Honorable Richard H. Nixon, President of the United States of America, and to The Honorable Juan A. Sablan, District Administrator, Truk District.

Adopted; 12/11/72
(Date)



Susumu Mizawa, Chairman

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Resolution Expressing "Heartfelt Gratitude and Deep Appreciation" of the people of Moen to Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, for personally extending condolences on death of the late Chief Petrus Mailo. Approved by Moen Municipal Council, October 1, 1971.

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE HEARTFELT GRATITUDE AND DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE PEOPLE OF MOEN TO THE HONORABLE EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, FOR PERSONALLY GIVING HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF MOEN AND MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE CHIEF PETRUS MAILLO AT HIS DEATH OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1971.

WHEREAS, all the people of Moen were deeply grieved by the loss of Chief Petrus Maillo commencing from September 12 to September 15, 1971, on which last day the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, arrived to personally express his sorrow at the death of Chief Petrus Maillo; and,

WHEREAS, all people of Moen were deeply impressed by the arrival of the Honorable Edward, E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, to pay his farewell tribute to Chief Petrus Maillo; and,

WHEREAS, it was the first time in the history of Micronesia a High Commissioner, who has dedicated and devoted his genuine services toward the better development of Micronesia, demonstrated his sorrow and concern over the death of a traditional Micronesian Leader; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MOEN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL hereby expressed the heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation of the people of Moen to the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, for personally joining the people of Moen and members of the family of the late Chief Petrus Maillo in expressing their sorrow at his death on September 12, 1971; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Signed: Frank Nifon

Frank Nifon, Chairman
Moen Municipal Council

Date: 10/11/71

Attested to: Kasper Peter

Kasper Peter, Secretary
Moen Municipal Council

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Resolution commending High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston for "his outstanding service to the people of Micronesia." Adopted by Truk District Legislature July 28, 1971.

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E JOHNSTON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has industriously and zealously performed the most outstanding and encouraging service any High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, up to his time, has ever done; and

WHEREAS, the same individual mentioned hereinabove has worked diligently and pleaded eloquently at the Congress of the United States of America, on behalf of the people of Micronesia, to increase the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands' share of appropriations, and consequently, the Trust Territory's share of the Federal Appropriation has increased tremendously to reach sixty million dollars, an amount unprecedented in the history of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the same individual has demonstrated his willingness to have the Micronesians gain more control of the decision-making process by delegating more of such power to the district level of government; and

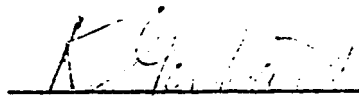
WHEREAS, the same individual does not only preach his doctrine, but actually carries it out by putting more and more Micronesians into decision making posts both at the District level as well as the Headquarters level; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the myriad of responsibilities inherent in the position, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has somehow managed to give his kind attention to the problems which have come up in each district; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED by the Truk District Legislature, Twenty-First Regular Session, 1971, that High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston be and is hereby commended for his outstanding service to the people of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior and to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Attested by:


Keichiro Gerhart, Secretary
Truk District Legislature

Signed by:


Hermes Katsura, Speaker
Truk District Legislature

Date: 7/28/71

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Resolution adopted April 29, 1971
by Fourth Palau Legislature com-
mending Edward E. Johnston, High
Commissioner of the Trust Terri-
tory, "for his efforts in increasing
the budget for the Trust Territory
and in decentralizing the Trust
Territory Government."



PALAU LEGISLATURE
KOROR, PALAU
WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS
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April 30, 1971

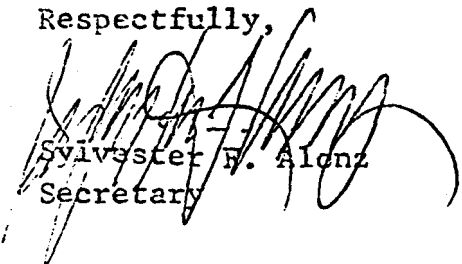
Cable Address: PALEX

Honorable Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner, Terpacis
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Resolution
No. 71(1)-23, which was adopted by the Palau Legislature.

Respectfully,


Sylvester R. Alonz
Secretary

Enclosure



FOURTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Seventh Regular Session

April, 1971

RESOLUTION No. 71(1)-23



Seventh Regular Session, 1971

A RESOLUTION

Commending the High Commissioner for his efforts in increasing the budget for the Trust Territory and in decentralizing the Trust Territory Government.

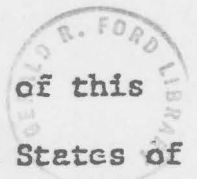
1 WHEREAS, the future development and growth of the
2 economic and social sectors of Micronesia depend upon a
3 viable and Trust Territory-wide capital improvements program,
4 and depend upon large increases in the Trust Territory budget;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the future development of responsible and
7 responsive local government depends upon the decentralization
8 of the Trust Territory Government; and

9 WHEREAS, the High Commissioner has tirelessly and
10 admirably sought to initiate and develop local responsibili-
11 ties and local initiative through decentralization of the
12 central government, and to accelerate the economic and
13 social growth of Micronesia by increased capital improvements
14 project; now, therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Palau Legislature, Seventh
16 Regular Session, April, 1971, that the High Commissioner be
17 and is hereby commended for his efforts in increasing the
18 budget for the Trust Territory and in decentralizing the
19 Trust Territory Government; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this
21 resolution be sent to the President of the United States of
22 America; Secretary of the Department of Interior; Office of
23 Territories; High Commissioner, and the District Administrator.



Adopted: April 29, 1971

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Stellingsma, Speaker

Approved:

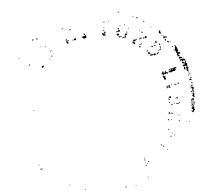
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W. F. Alons, Secretary



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Letter dated April 13, 1971 from Mrs. Elizabeth P. Farrington, Director, Office of Territories, U. S. Department of Interior, disagreeing with Marianas District Legislature resolution dated February 24, 1971 expressing dissatisfaction with conduct of High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston.



3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 32-1971

INTRODUCED BY: HON. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

1. A RESOLUTION TO THE HONORABLE ROGERS C.B.
2. MORTON, SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES
3. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR EXPRESSING THE
4. DISSATISFACTION OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS
5. DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER
6. EDWARD E. JOHNSTON

7. WHEREAS, Edward E. Johnston is presently serving as High Commissioner
8. of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

9. WHEREAS, Edward E. Johnston has during the past two (2) years and
10. continues to refuse to meet with the Mariana Islands District Legislature to
11. discuss the serious and grave problems affecting the Marianas; and

12. WHEREAS, according to past issues of HIGHLIGHTS and news stories on the
13. local radio station, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston meets with
14. representative bodies in the other districts when he makes visits to those
15. districts; and

16. WHEREAS, during his tenure as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory
17. of the Pacific Islands, High Commissioner Johnston has conducted himself in a
18. hostile manner and conveys the impression that he is superior to the people
19. of the Mariana Islands District; and

20. WHEREAS, ~~it is believed that~~ Edward E. Johnston has used his office to
21. support his various business interests, and the business interests of his
22. friends and associates in Hawaii and elsewhere to the detriment and harm of the
23. people of the Marianas; and

Mr. Daniel T. Muna
Legislative Clerk
Twenty-Third Saipan Legislatura
P. O. Box 196
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

APR 13 1971

Dear Mr. Muna:

On behalf of Secretary Morton, we wish to acknowledge receipt of the copies of Resolutions No. 23-2-1971 and No. 23-7-1971.

We do not share the view of the Saipan Legislatura that High Commissioner Johnston has acted in a manner directly contrary to the wishes of the people of the Marianas' District. We look upon the High Commissioner as having performed in an admirable manner during his tenure in office, and having, at all times, displayed considerable zeal in furthering the progress of the peoples of Micronesia, including those who reside in the Mariana Islands District.

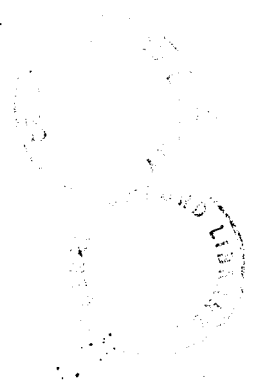
Sincerely yours,

sgd. Elizabeth P. Farrington

Elizabeth P. Farrington
Director

cc: HiCom

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1. WHEREAS, Edward E. Johnston supported Continental/Air Micronesia, a
2. private firm, solely to further his financial interests in Aloha Air Lines; and
3. WHEREAS, Edward E. Johnston is frequently absent from Micronesia, not on
4. official business, that is considered not to be in the best interest of the
5. people of Micronesia; and
6. WHEREAS, the people of the Marianas have no confidence in or respect
7. for Edward E. Johnston, because he consistently misrepresents the views of the
8. people of the Marianas in Washington, D. C.; and
9. WHEREAS, the United States of America has always stood for the principles
10. of democracy and freedom; and
11. WHEREAS, appointed chief executives are rarely responsive or responsible
12. to the people who they claim to represent, as in the case of Edward E.
13. Johnston; and
14. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District
15. Legislature that the dissatisfaction of the Mariana Islands District
16. Legislature with Edward E. Johnston as High Commissioner of the Trust
17. Territory of the Pacific Islands be and he is hereby is expressed; and
18. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative
19. Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same
20. to the Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton, the President of the United State of
21. America, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
22. Chairman of Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the United
23. States Department of State, and the High Commissioner.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 24, 1971.

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Tol Municipal Resolution No. 1-71 adopted April 13, 1971 by the Municipal Council of Tol Island, Truk District, commending and thanking Edward E. Johnston, for "his exceptional service in the government of Micronesia."

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has demonstrated exceptional leadership since assuming his position as High Commissioner in 1969; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has displayed incomparable sensitivity to the needs of Trukese and people from the other districts in the funding and placement of vital capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has captured the hearts of the people of Micronesia as the first High Commissioner to implement to a large extent the meritorious policy of decentralization; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has remained true to the letter and spirit of the Trusteeship Agreement by elevating capable Micronesians to fill important executive positions in Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, in his State of the Territory Address of 1971 displayed a remarkable sensitivity to the "forgotten man" in Micronesia the blue collar worker on the farm or in the factory; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston is loved by the people as the finest High Commissioner ever to hold the position in the history of Micronesia; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by Tol Municipality, Truk District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands that the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, Edward E. Johnston is hereby commended, thanked and deeply honored for his exceptional service in the government of Micronesia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that official copies of this Resolution are transmitted directly to High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton, and President of the United States Richard M. Nixon.

Adopted 4/25/71
Date

Certified: Ikutaro Masawa
Ikutaro Masawa, Secretary
Tol Municipality
Truk District
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands

Signed: Isikar Moses
Isikar Moses, Magistrate
Tol Municipality
Truk District
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Moen Municipal Resolution No. 1-71 adopted April 13, 1971 by Moen Municipality, Truk, commending and thanking Edward E. Johnston for "his exceptional service to the people of Micronesia."

MOEN MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-71

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has repeatedly emphasized the need for national unity among the Districts of Micronesia and has been the first High Commissioner to actively cultivate such unity in these difficult and troublesome times; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, in a true humanitarian spirit, has demonstrated a keen interest in outer island peoples and outer island affairs by personally visiting many of the outer islands in the Trust Territory; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has displayed a keen sensitivity to the hazards of centralized bureaucracy and to that end has implemented to a large extent, the fundamental conditions for true decentralization; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has been true to the letter and the spirit of the Trusteeship Agreement by moving Micronesian citizens into positions of high responsibility and by bringing about a true equality between the races through the Single Wage and Salary Plan; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has implemented many vital capital improvement programs and has involved local people in local contracts; and

WHEREAS, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston is dearly beloved by the people of Micronesia for his unselfish activities on their behalf and for his untiring efforts to bring peace, prosperity, harmony, and justice to the Trust Territory; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by Moen Municipality, Truk District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands that the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, Edward E. Johnston, is hereby commended, thanked and deeply honored for his exceptional service in the government of Micronesia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that official copies of this Resolution are transmitted directly to High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton, and President of the United States Richard M. Nixon.

Adopted: 4-13-71

Certified: Kasper Peter
Kasper Peter, Secretary
Moen Municipality
Truk, Eastern Caroline Islands
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands

Signed: Petrus Mailo
Petrus Mailo, Mayor
Moen Municipality
Truk, Eastern Caroline Islands
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Moen Municipal Resolution No. 1-71 adopted April 13, 1971 by Moen Municipality, Truk, commending and thanking Edward E. Johnston for "his exceptional service to the people of Micronesia."

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Resolution adopted April 7, 1971
by Rota Municipal Council com-
mending High Commissioner
Edward E. Johnston "for a job
well-done and requesting him to
continue serving the inhabitants
of the Trust Territory..."

Resolution No. 10 ---1971

Introduced by: Council of the Whole

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE HONORABLE EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FOR A JOB WELL - DONE AND REQUESTING HIM TO CONTINUE SERVING THE INHABITANTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ON THE SAME POSITION

WHEREAS, throughout the period of your administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands the Rota Municipal Council is cognizant of the various progress, developments and achievements in all aspects of endeavors deemed beneficial to the inhabitants of the entire Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, your recent decision to curtail the recruitment and employment of Civil Service Personnel in the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands will definitely bring about the materialization of elevating qualified Micronesians to high echelon positions in the Government of the Trust Territory in line with the aims and objectives of the Administering Authority and the wishes of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, your policy of decentralization has proved so far to be of great importance and most valuable, especially to the inhabitants of the sub-district centers and for those officials who are responsible to the administration for these areas and to the scattered outer islands in Micronesia. To mention a few of these advantages, the participation of the District Administrator's Representative of Rota in the Micronesian Executive Conference in Washington, the recent District Administrators' Conference held in Ponape District and other Conferences held at the Headquarters level; and

WHEREAS, the Micronesian government employees have been well benefitted through your kindness and consideration in making two across-the-board pay raises on a twenty per cent (20%) and just recently a six per cent (6%) basis. These benefits, coupled with the proposed single salary system, which hopefully will be implemented on July 1, 1971, will bring about a better standard of living for the people of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, your ability and competency in presenting your program developments and budgetary requirements and testifying before the United States Congress has resulted in the Congressional approval of sixty million budget ceiling for the administration of the Trust Territory; and



WHEREAS, your decision to concentrate on the capital improvements and developments of the infra-structures in Micronesia has gained the respect and admiration of your administration by the people of Rota voicing through their duly elected and appointed public officials; and

WHEREAS, because of the geographical location plus other pressing priority and urgent matters which require your immediate personal attention and preclude your visitation to the sub-district centers and other remote islands in Micronesia, nevertheless, your able and competent Representatives in the Districts (District Administrators) are your spiritual images representing you in person as well as implementing your policies and procedures under your administration; and

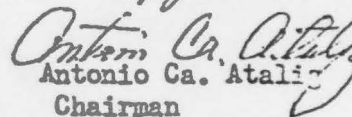
WHEREAS, the aforementioned explanations has sufficiently justified a commendation from the leaders of Micronesia, thus, warranted your continuous administration of the Government of the Trust Territory; and

WHEREAS; because of your unselfishness in your ability plus your obvious determination in the advancement of the people of Micronesia, you have gained the faith and confidence of the people of Rota and that we would like you to continue serving the Micronesians as their High Commissioner;

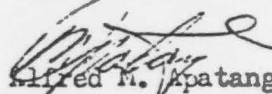
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Rota Municipal Council that the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner be and is hereby commended for a job well-done and requested to continue serving the inhabitants of the Trust Territory on the same position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary attest the adoption thereof and that copies of the same be transmitted thereafter to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the United Nations, the Speaker and President and Members of the Congress of Micronesia, to the Speaker of the Truk District Legislature, to the President of the Mariana Islands District Legislature, to the Speakers and Presiding Officers of Yap, Palau, Ponape and Marshalls District legislatures and councils, to the Saipan Municipal Council and to the District Administrators in the six districts of the Trust Territory.

Passed by the Rota Municipal Council this 14 day of April, 1971.


Antonio Ca. Atalig
Chairman

Attested by;


Alfred M. Kpatang



United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Letter dated April 6, 1971 from late Chief Petrus Mailo on the occasion of performing two rare but significant ceremonies in honor of Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

April 6, 1971

The Honorable Edward E Johnston
High Commissioner
Trust Territory Headquarters
Saipan, M. I. 96950

Dear High Commissioner Johnston:

Attached is a brief explanation of the two traditional ceremonies performed in your honor as our High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

I do not perform such customs lightly. In your case it is both imperative and significant that I perform them with honor and dignity on behalf of my people.

Although they may not appear significant to you, to us they are, for they are precious and dear both to perform and to witness.

Sincerely,


Chief Petrus Kailo

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