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Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan

Senator vicente (ben) c. pangelinan (D)

March 1, 2010

The Honorable Mike Cruz
Acting Governor
Office of the Governor
Adelup, Guam

Re: The Commission on Decolonization

Hafa Adai Acting Governor Cruz,

For the past several years, I have struggled and worked towards granting our *Chamorros* the exercise of their right for Chamorro Self Determination and to conduct a plebiscite on the political status to reflect their wishes as a people. Pursuant to Chapter 21, 1 Guam Code Annotated, the Commission on Decolonization (Commission) was created and by statute *I Maga'lahren Guahan* shall serve as the Chairperson.

My office has worked collaboratively with the Guam Election Commission and has certified registrars in my office to register eligible *Chamorros* to the Guam Decolonization Registry (Registry). Moreover, I introduced Bill No. 184-30 (COR), which was passed by *I Liheslaturan Guahan* last Friday, which seeks to assist the process by appending Chamorro Land Trust Commission lessees to the registration roll of the Registry.

Acting Governor Cruz, now more than ever is the time for our government to activate the Commission and begin what the statute requires, which is to determine the desire of the *Chamorros* as to their future political relationship with the United States.

The statute mandates that the "Commission shall meet regularly on the first Tuesday of every month at 3pm or more often as determined by the Chairperson of the Commission". Tomorrow is the first Tuesday of March. I appeal to you as the Acting Governor of Guam to immediately call a meeting of the Commission. I understand that you may be limited under the Open Government Law to notify the public of the meeting, but by notifying the members to meet and re-acquaint themselves as to the duties and general powers of the Commission, I believe it is a good start.

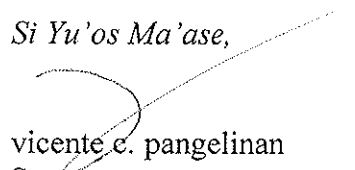
Additionally, I ask that you support and sign Bill No. 184 into law immediately. This act alone will reflect your true commitment to support the Commission and its duties, but more importantly taking the necessary steps towards self-determination.

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After all these years, I am not sure who are still members of the Commission. However, I know I am not on it but it would be my privilege to continue to assist the Commission in achieving its goal.

My office has, and will always remain open to you or any one else in our community to work collaboratively towards this very important issue facing our *Chamorros*.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,


vicente c. pangelinan
Senador