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VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S TRIP TO  
SAIPAN, CHINA, AND HONG KONG

October 10-20, 1985

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT

October 12, 1985

High Commissioner McCoy, Governor and Mrs. Tenorio, Lt. Governor and Mrs. Tenorio, President and Mrs. Kabua, President and Mrs. Nakayama, President and Mrs. Salii, Ambassador Zeder, Assistant Secretary Montoya, Governor and Mrs. Lutali, Governor and Mrs. Bordallo.

Mrs. Bush and I want to thank you for this very warm welcome. We have been looking forward to coming to Micronesia, and especially the Northern Marianas for some time. Our excitement increased after our advance team came back with reports of the Chamorro and Carolinian hospitality they received here on Saipan.

It is especially important to me to be here as we stand on the threshold of a new era. Soon, very soon we hope, the United States Congress will have completed its mandated program of review of the Compact of Free Association and will pass it with all of the commitments and essential elements intact. As soon as that is accomplished, we will go to the United Nations to secure termination of the trusteeship. When the Trust Territory is dissolved, our mission of replacing trusteeship with self-government will have been accomplished. We will then pursue together growth and prosperity in the larger American family.



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The Commonwealth status chosen by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Free Association arrangement, chosen by the peoples of Palau, the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia provide an excellent framework for partnership as we seek to improve the social, economic and security aspects of our lives and those of our children.

In anticipation of this new era, Barbara and I wanted to stop in Saipan to congratulate you and express our gratitude for the patience and dedication which you have exhibited during the long political status process, and particularly during the last weeks of waiting.

As you know, our time here will necessarily, and unfortunately, be short. We leave tomorrow for China at the request of President Reagan.

(Here insert appropriate statements about China trip)

While here on Saipan we are looking forward to meeting as many of you as we can. We thank you all very much for coming out to meet us this afternoon.





CONTINGENCY DINNER TOAST - SAIPAN

I had looked forward to returning to the Pacific area for a long time, and when I learned I was going to China, I asked my advance team, under Dave Ryder, to consider a trip to Saipan. When they got back to Washington, they had been dazzled by your island hospitality. Their reports of your cuisine and entertainment promised the same for us. I was particularly told to anticipate the singing talents of Lt. Governor Tenorio and the artistic capabilities of Gloria Hunter.

And I am also pleased to greet Presidents Kabua, Nakayama, and Salii, who are with us tonight in anticipation of the new relationship between their emerging nations and the United States.

Rounding out our greetings to America's Pacific family, we are pleased to have Governor Bordallo and Governor Lutali with us here tonight, as well as the Governors of the constituent states of the Federated States of Micronesia. I am very pleased that the Reagan Administration's Pacific leadership, in the persons of Ambassador Fred Zeder, High Commissioner Janet McCoy, and Assistant Interior Secretary Rick Montoya are with us on this special night.

The United States is a Pacific nation for a host of reasons. Having fought here, we are determined to keep the region secure

from all future attack, while providing for our common defense. United States two-way trade with the Pacific countries has for several years exceeded trade with Europe, and your islands are essential links in that trade route. I believe cultural and economic growth in the 21st Century will center in the Pacific. Our peoples are now poised to participate in this growth, to drive it and to extend its benefits and advantages even beyond the region.

Returning to Washington, my report to President Reagan, whose interest in this region was highlighted last year in Guam, will center on the dynamic quest for self-government and partnership with the United States that is so much a part of these islands.





VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON  
MEETING WITH MICRONESIAN LEADERS

I have asked Presidents Kabua, Nakayama and Salii to join me here to discuss the status of the Compact of Free Association, and the termination of the United States Trusteeship over the islands of Micronesia. We have had an extremely useful exchange of views and our colleagues are working closely together to complete this important process.

As you probably know by now, the Houses of Representatives has approved the Compact negotiated so laboriously over 15 years by four different Administrations. The bill is now before the Senate and, we expect action there soon. Next it will go for signature by President Reagan. The President's signature will constitute final United States agreement to the Compact with the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

President Salii's representatives have been working with the Administration back in Washington to iron out a final agreement. Once both Governments are satisfied that agreement has been reached on the outstanding defense issues, the President and the Congress can bring the Compact into effect for Palau as well.

As soon as the Compact has been approved, we intend to go together to the United Nations to seek termination of the Trusteeship for the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Northern Marianas Islands.

Upon Trusteeship termination, we will have reached a milestone. Forty years of United States trusteeship will be at an end, and the peoples of the Freely Associated States will be free to pursue their own destinies, secure in the United States commitment to defend them from outside aggression, and aided by our commitment to assist in their development.

The next few years will probably not be as easy as we would hope, nor as difficult as the pessimists would predict. If there are problems, we will stand by to assist you. Substantial funding will be available to build further your economic base, leading to greater self-sufficiency.



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DEPARTURE STATEMENT - SAIPAN  
October 13, 1985

When we landed here, less than twenty hours ago, I said we were looking forward to the renowned Chamorro and Carolinian hospitality. We've been overwhelmed. To Governor Tenorio and Sophia: thank you for an absolutely marvelous party last evening.

To the presidents of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau: I want to thank you for coming to Saipan to see us and to permit us to consult on matters of mutual interest. To the Governors of American Samoa, Guam, and the constituent states of the Federated States of Micronesia: thank you for coming and for the valuable insights you have provided with the challenges facing this important region. And of course, Barbara and I must add our personal thanks to High Commissioner Janet McCoy for her gracious hospitality during our stay at her residence last night.

Our meetings, however brief, have provided an excellent opportunity for exchanges of views between the Reagan Administration and the leadership of the Trust Territory and the United States territories.

My presence here represents a concrete affirmation of the Administration's concern and commitment to the future of the Pacific region. We have come a long way together especially over



the past 40 years. Now we are completing the final steps to realize a new relationship based on self-government for the Trust Territory people. In a related vein, we look forward to the unfolding of the Guam political status process; we are pleased at the conclusion of our recent fiscal discussion with the Northern Mariana Islands; and we renew our commitment to improving our relationship with America Samoa.

You in the American Pacific have known more than a century of involvement by outsiders in ways which did not always represent your interests. You suffered through a terrible war not of your making. For the past two generations you have known peace and growing prosperity. The Reagan Administration is committed to an even stronger and more secure region in years to come. We believe the political status arrangements now take shape provide the framework for achieving these goals.

We leave now to fly on to China at the request of President Reagan.

(Insert appropriate remarks about purpose of China trip).

As we leave, we see the Trust Territory and the American Pacific territories on the threshold of a new era. The era has been long in coming, but it has, we hope, been worth the wait.