

CHAMORRO TRIBE

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Joint Guam Program Office
John Jackson, Director

January 21, 2009

Mr. Director,

I would like to take this opportunity to express the views of the Chamorro Tribe in regards to this proposed United States Military Buildup on our island.

In 1946, the government of the United States of America was a signature of the Charter of the United Nations. Article 6 of the Constitution of the United States of America mandates that any treaties ratified by the United States Senate with foreign governments become the law of the land. It was the intent of the Constitution that the integrity of the United States of America be beyond reproach. Although, some people would argue that Article 6 of the Constitution pertains to treaties with a Sovereign Nation and the United Nations is not a Sovereign Nation. This proposed military buildup without the full consent of the native inhabitants of this island would violate not only the Charter of the United Nations but the intent of the Constitution.

Further, in 1975, the United States of America entered into treaty with Sovereign Nations at the Helsinki Accord. Chapter 9 of this Accord mandates compliance with Chapters XI, XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations. This is a treaty with Sovereign Nations ratified by the United States Senate and therefore under the authority of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Continuing on this massive military endeavor on our island without our full consent would thus be a clear violation of Articles XI, XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations and Chapter 9 of the Helsinki Accord making it a direct violation of Article 6 of the Constitution of the United States of America.



In these troubled times wherein our new President and his Cabinet face the daunting task of rebuilding America's tarnished image, this action without conformance to the Constitution of the United States of America would not only be another slap in the face of the Chamorro People, it would also be damaging to the efforts of our new President, his Cabinet and the American People.

While we are not opposed to the needs of the Nation, we are vehemently opposed to the manner in which it has been and continues to be conducted without consideration to the rights of the native inhabitants of this island, the obligations of the United States of America to the United Nations and the obligations of the United States of America to the other signatures of the Helsinki Accord.

Please be advised that before our people can support this military endeavor, there are major issues both past and present that need to be addressed and mitigated. Only then can this endeavor be beneficial to both the United States of America and the Chamorro People of Guam.

Anything less sends a clear message to the World that the United States of America does not honor its obligations under Treaty and does not conform to its own Constitution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank J. Schacher".

Frank J. Schacher
Chamorro Tribal Chairman