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Shoshana Chatfield
Rear Admiral, Joint Region Marianas
Building 200 Halsey Drive
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Re: Relocation of Marines to Guahan

Dear Rear Admiral Chatfield,

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! First off, I would like to thank you for your hospitality during our site visits to the various military installations on our Island. As a proud daughter of Guam, I am at peace knowing that the United States, under your leadership at Joint Region Marianas, is doing its job in protecting our homeland. As we had mutually agreed upon during our initial meeting at the start of this term, both of us understand that the only way forward, is to engage in open dialogue.

In the spirit of open dialogue, it has been brought to my attention that Gen. Robert B. Neller, the Marine Corps' Commandant has stated that the move to Guam needs further review, and hints that the move to Guam may impact the Marines' mission mandate. He further stated that the discussions about the impact of the Marine Buildup, specifically discussions on the environmental impacts, "have yet to be played out."

As the Chairwoman of the Legislative Committee on the Guam Military Build-Up, I am asking for clarification on whether this statement, wherein it is implied that the current plans are non-conducive to the Marines' ability to "fight tonight" would result in a greater Marine Build-up. If so, would there be a need for a greater amphibious force, aircraft carriers, and other types of high speed vessels to be stationed on Guam? Should that be the case, I believe we should briefly re-examine what potential ramifications, specifically to our oceans, coral and sea-life may be associated with this.

As the mother of a currently deployed son and wife of a retired Master Sargent, one who served proudly in the Air Force and Air National Guard, as well as a daughter of Guam, I know our two communities can coexist harmoniously. The military has been a part of our island's history for decades, if not, a century. With the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam approaching, our community comes together sharing our common history and remembering all those who sacrificed their lives for our island and reflect on the atrocities of war.

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On that note, I would be lying by calling myself a daughter of Guam, yet not abide by the *Inifresi* which states:

*Ginen i mas takhelo' gi Hinasso-ku,
i mas takhalom gi Kurason-hu,
yan i mas figo' na Nina'siñã-hu,
Hu ufresen maisa yu' para bai hu Prutehi
yan hu Difende i Hinengge,
i Kottura,
i Lengguahi,
i Aire,
i Hanom yan i tano' Chamoru,
ni'Irensiã-ku Direchu ginen as Yu'os Tãta.
Este hu Afitma gi hilo' i bipblia yan i banderã-
hu,
i banderan Guãhan.*

From the highest of my thoughts,
from the deepest of my heart,
and with the utmost of my strength,
I offer myself to protect
and to defend the beliefs,
the culture,
the language,
the air,
the water and the land of the Chamorro,
which are our inherent God-given rights.
This I will affirm by the holy words and
our banner,
the flag of Guãhan!

I hope you understand the perspective I am coming from and I look forward to your response.

Sincenru yan Magahit,

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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