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The Board of Trustees FSM Social Security Administration:

#### Dear Members of the Board:

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Social Security Administration (the Administration), a component unit of the FSM National Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2010.

We have prepared the following comments to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to oversee the financial reporting and disclosure process for which management of the Administration is responsible.

# OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Our responsibility under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, have been described in our engagement letter dated September 30, 2009. As described in that letter, the objective of a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with the aforementioned standards is:

- To express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the Administration's basic financial statements and the accompanying supplementary information and to disclaim an opinion on the required supplementary information for the year ended December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("generally accepted accounting principles"), in all material respects; and
- To report on the Administration's internal control over financial reporting and on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters for the year ended December 31, 2009 based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*.

Our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards include forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with the oversight of the Board of Trustees are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or the Board of Trustees of their responsibilities.

We considered the Administration's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Administration's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Administration's internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

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## UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

We have attached to this letter, as Appendix I, management's representation, which includes a summary of uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and on assumptions about future events. Significant accounting estimates reflected in the Administration's 2009 financial statements include management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible accounts, which is determined based upon past collection experience and aging of the accounts, and management's estimate of depreciation expense, which is based on estimated useful lives of the respective capital assets. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we are not aware of any significant changes in accounting estimates or in management's judgments relating to such estimates.

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Administration's significant accounting policies are set forth in Note 2 to the Administration's 2009 financial statements. During the year ended December 31, 2009, there were no significant changes in previously adopted accounting policies or their application, except for the following pronouncements adopted by the Administration:

- GASB Statement No. 52, Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments, which improves the quality of financial reporting by requiring endowments to report their land and other real estate investments at fair value, creating consistency in reporting among similar entities that exist to invest resources for the purpose of generating income.
- GASB Statement No. 55, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, which improves financial reporting by contributing to the GASB's efforts to codify all GAAP for state and local governments so that they derive from a single source.
- GASB Statement No. 56, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards, which incorporates accounting and financial reporting guidance previously only contained in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) auditing literature into the GASB's accounting and financial reporting literature for state and local governments, and addresses three issues from the AICPA's literature related party transactions, going concern considerations, and subsequent events.
- GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2008-1, Determining the Annual Required Contribution Adjustment for Postemployment Benefits, which clarifies the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27, Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers, and Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, for calculating the annual required contribution (ARC) adjustment.

The implementation of these pronouncements did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Administration.

# OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORTS

When audited financial statements are included in documents containing other information such as the Administration's 2009 Annual Report, we will read such other information and consider whether it, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or the manner of its presentation, in the financial statements audited by us. We will read the other information in the Administration's 2009 Annual Report and will inquire as to the methods of measurement and presentation of such information. If we note a material inconsistency or if we obtain any knowledge of a material misstatement of fact in the other information, we will discuss this matter with management and, if appropriate, with the Board.

## DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

We have not had any disagreements with management related to matters that are material to the Administration's 2009 financial statements.

# CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ACCOUNTANTS

We are not aware of any consultations that management may have had with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters during 2009.

#### MANAGEMENT'S REPRESENTATIONS

We have made specific inquiries of the Administration's management about the representations embodied in the financial statements. Additionally, we have requested that management provide to us the written representations the Administration is required to provide to its independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards. We have attached to this letter, as Appendix II, a copy of the representation letter we obtained from management.

# MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED WITH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO OUR INITIAL ENGAGEMENT OR RETENTION

Throughout the year, routine discussions were held or were the subject of correspondence with management regarding the application of accounting principles or auditing standards in connection with transactions that have occurred, transactions that are contemplated, or reassessment of current circumstances. In our judgment, such discussions or correspondence were not held in connection with our retention as auditors.

## SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

In our judgment, we received the full cooperation of the Administration's management and staff and had unrestricted access to the Administration's senior management in the performance of our audit.

#### CONTROL-RELATED MATTERS

We have issued a separate report to you, also dated June 3, 2010, wherein no matters involving the Administration's internal control over financial reporting that were considered to be significant deficiencies and material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters were reported.

We have communicated to management, in a separate letter also dated June 3, 2010, control deficiencies and other matters that we identified during our audit

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, and others within the Administration and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank the staff and management of the Administration for their cooperation and assistance during the course of this engagement.

Very truly yours,

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# APPENDIX A

	BALANCE SHEET			
	ASSETS Dr (Cr)	LIABILITIES Dr (Cr)	OTHER Dr (Cr)	INCOME Dr (Cr)
PAJE <1> Dr. Due from FSMNG Cr. Contributions from FSMNG To record additional accrual	295,000			(295,000)
Total known misstatements	295,000	0	0	(295,000)

We agree with the above passed adjusting entries, that such should not be recorded and such are not a result of fraudulent activites or illegal acts. Rather such represent immaterial misstatements.

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We are providing this letter in connection with your audits of the statements of net assets of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Social Security Administration (the Administration). a component unit of the FSM National Government, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of changes in net assets for the years then ended, which collectively comprise the Administration's basic financial statements for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status and changes in financial status of the Administration in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). We confirm that we are responsible for the following:

- The fair presentation in the basic financial statements of financial status and changes in financial status in conformity with GAAP.
- b. The fair presentation of the required supplementary information, including Management's Discussion and Analysis, and additional information accompanying the basic financial statements that are presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the basic financial statements.
- c. The design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud.
- d. Establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting.
- e. The review and approval of the financial statements and related notes and acknowledge your role in the preparation of this information. Specifically, we acknowledge that your role in the preparation of the financial statements was a matter of convenience rather than one of necessity. We have reviewed the financial statement preparation assistance provided by you and acknowledge that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our review was based on the use of the financial statement disclosure checklist for cash and investment pools obtained from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audits.

- 1. The basic financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition:
  - Deposits and investment securities are properly classified in category of custodial credit risk.
  - Capital assets, including infrastructures assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
    - Required supplementary information is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
- The Administration has made available to you all:
  - a. Minutes of the meetings and summaries of actions of the Board of Trustees from January 01, 2009 to the date of this letter. Board meetings were held on the following dates; February 23 – 24, 2009; June 23 – 24, 2009; and October 10 – 13, 2009.
  - b. Financial records and related data for all financial transactions of the Administration and for all funds administered by the Administration. The records, books, and accounts, as provided to you, record the financial and fiscal operations of all funds administered by the Administration and provide the audit trail to be used in a review of accountability. Information presented in financial reports is supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
  - c. Contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence that has taken place with federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of the Interior relative to the Prior Service Trust Fund.

#### There has been no:

- Action taken by the Administration's management that contravenes the provisions of federal laws and Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) laws and regulations.
- Communication from other regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices or other matters that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We believe the effects of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements aggregated by you during the current audit engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. A summary of such uncorrected misstatements has been attached as Appendix A.
- 5. The Administration has not performed a formal risk assessment, including the assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. However, management has made available to you their understanding about the risks of fraud in the Administration and do not believe that the financial statements are materially misstated as a result of fraud.

- 6. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Administration involving (a) management. (b) employees who have significant roles in internal control over financial reporting, or (c) others if the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 7. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Administration received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others except for an instance wherein an employee of the Administration forged and cashed benefit checks during fiscal year 2009. After investigation, the employee was terminated and asked to return the amount stolen. Management believes that this matter has no material effect on the financial statements due to the insignificance of the amount and the low-level position of the employee involved.
  - 8. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that legal counsel has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 450, Contingencies formerly FASB Statement No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies) except as disclosed in note 4 to the basic financial statements.
  - We are responsible for compliance with FSM laws, rules and regulations, and provision of grants and contracts relating to Administration's operations. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining the components of internal control relating to our activities in order to achieve the objectives of providing reliable financial reports, effective and efficient operations, and compliance with laws and regulations. The Administration is responsible for maintaining accounting and administrative control over revenues, obligations, expenditures, assets, and liabilities.
  - Management has identified and disclosed to you all laws and regulations that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
  - 11. There are no reportable conditions, including significant deficiencies and material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal control that could adversely affect the Administration's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial information.
  - 12. The Administration is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Administration has elected to purchase automobile insurance from independent third parties for the risks of loss to which it is exposed. The Administration is substantially self-insured for all the other risks. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. Management is of the opinion that no material losses have been sustained as a result of this practice.

Except where otherwise stated below, matters less than \$222,000 collectively are not considered to be exceptions that require disclosure for the purpose of the following representations. This amount is not necessarily indicative of amounts that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

- Except as listed in Appendix A, there are no transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.
- 14. The Administration has no plans or intentions that may affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.

- 15. In preparing the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management uses estimates. All estimates have been disclosed in the financial statements for which known information available prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that both of the following criteria are met:
  - a. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect on the financial statements of a condition, situation, or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements will change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events.
  - b. The effect of the change would be material to the financial statements.
- 16. The following, to the extent applicable, have been appropriately identified, properly recorded, and disclosed in the financial statements:
  - Related-party transactions and associated amounts receivable or payable, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees (written or oral).
  - Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Administration is contingently liable.
- 17 In preparing the financial statements in conformity with GAAP, management uses estimates. All estimates have been disclosed in the financial statements for which known information available prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that both of the following criteria are met:
  - a. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect on the financial statements of a condition, situation, or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements will change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events.
  - The effect of the change would be material to the financial statements.
- 18. Risks associated with concentrations, based on information known to management, that meet all of the following criteria have been disclosed in the financial statements:
  - The concentration exists at the date of the financial statements.
  - b. The concentration makes the enterprise vulnerable to the risk of a near-term severe impact.
  - c. It is at least reasonably possible that the events that could cause the severe impact will occur in the near term.

#### 19. There are no:

- a. Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
- Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB ASC 450, Contingencies (formerly FASB Statement No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies.

- The Administration has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- The Administration has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have an effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 22. There are no control deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that could adversely affect the Administration's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial information.
- 23. Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances, line of credit, or similar arrangements have been properly disclosed in the financial statements.
- 24. Receivables recorded in the financial statements represents valid claims against debtors for sales or other charges arising on or before the balance sheet date and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- 25. We are aware of our requirement to disclose to you any change in the Administration's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Administration's most recent fiscal year that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Administration's internal control over financial reporting and we advise you that no such changes have occurred that are reported to you.
- 26. With regard to the fair value measurements and disclosures of certain assets, we believe that:
  - The measurement methods, including the related assumptions, used in determining fair value were appropriate and were consistently applied.
  - The completeness and adequacy of the disclosures related to fair values are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
    - c. No events have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2009 that requires adjustment to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
- 27. During fiscal year 2009, the Administration implemented the following pronouncements:
  - GASB Statement No. 52, Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments, which improves the quality of financial reporting by requiring endowments to report their land and other real estate investments at fair value, creating consistency in reporting among similar entities that exist to invest resources for the purpose of generating income.
  - GASB Statement No. 55, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments, which improves financial reporting by contributing to the GASB's efforts to codify all GAAP for state and local governments so that they derive from a single source.

- GASB Statement No. 56, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards, which incorporates accounting and financial reporting guidance previously only contained in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) auditing literature into the GASB's accounting and financial reporting literature for state and local governments, and addresses three issues from the AICPA's literature related party transactions, going concern considerations, and subsequent events.
- GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2008-1, Determining the Annual Required Contribution Adjustment for Postemployment Benefits, which clarifies the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27, Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers, and Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, for calculating the annual required contribution (ARC) adjustment.

The implementation of these pronouncements did not have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

In June 2007, GASB issued statement No. 51, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets, which addresses whether and when intangible assets should be considered capital assets for financial reporting purposes. The provisions of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2009. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements of the Administration.

In June 2008, GASB issued Statement No. 53, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments, which is intended to improve how state and local governments report information about derivative instruments - financial arrangements used by governments to manage specific risks or make investments - in their financial statements. The provisions of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2009. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements of the Administration.

In March 2009, GASB issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, which enhances the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. The provisions of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2010. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements of the Administration.

In December 2009, GASB issued Statement No. 57, OPEB Measurements by Agent and Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans, and GASB Statement No. 58, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Chapter 9 Bankruptcies. GASB Statement No. 57 addresses issues related to the use of the alternative measurement method and the frequency and timing of measurements by employers that participate in agent multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plans. GASB Statement No. 58 establishes accounting and financial reporting guidance for governments that have petitioned for protection from creditors by filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The provisions of these statements are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2011 and June 15, 2009, respectively. Management does not believe that the implementation of these statements will have a material effect on the financial statements of the Administration

- 27. We represent to you that, subsequent to December 31, 2009, there were no changes in internal control or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to reportable conditions (including material weaknesses).
- 28. The Administration is responsible for determining and maintaining the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, as well as estimates used to determine such amounts. Management believes the allowances are adequate to absorb currently estimated bad debts in the account balances.
- 29. The Administration is aware of liabilities of the fund related to retroactive benefit payments for wages not posted to the system due to an unmatched social security number or name provided by the employer, as well as a liability related to overpayment of contributions. Management is unable to determine a reasonable estimate of the abovementioned liabilities at this time; however, management is of the opinion that the amount is not material to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- 30. In June 2009, the Administration obtained an actuarial valuation of the Retirement Fund as of January 1, 2009. The valuation reported actuarial accrued liabilities for the Retirement Fund of \$232,474,000. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Administration recorded total fund equity of \$40,745,566 and \$36,717,256, respectively, in the Retirement Fund, as funds available to fund future benefit obligations. These conditions indicate that the Administration should not increase future or current benefits until a long-term trend of decreasing the unfunded accrued liability is realized.
- On September 15, 2005, an agreement was entered into between the Prior Service Trust Fund Administration (PSTFA) Board and the U.S. Department of the Interior to delegate the Board's obligations to and responsibility for the enrollees eligible for the Prior Service Benefits Program to the Social Security Systems of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Retirement fund of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marian Islands. Based on the agreement, the Administration shall be entitled to an administrative fee not to exceed 20% of the share of allocated funds. The Administration assumed administrative functions and received an allocation of \$445,052 and \$519,107 from PSTFA as of December 31 2009 and 2008, respectively, of which \$282,835 and \$292,964 has been paid out as benefits for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. However, while the Administration accepts the liability for any amounts received, the Administration does not accept the obligation to pay future benefits unless additional funds are received from PSTFA. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the amount available for future benefit payments under the Prior Service Benefits Program amounted to \$257,879 and \$119,139, respectively.
- No events have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2009 to the date of our signatures below that require consideration as adjustments to or disclosures in the financial statements.

Alexander R. Narruhn
Administrator

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Teresita Dayao
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