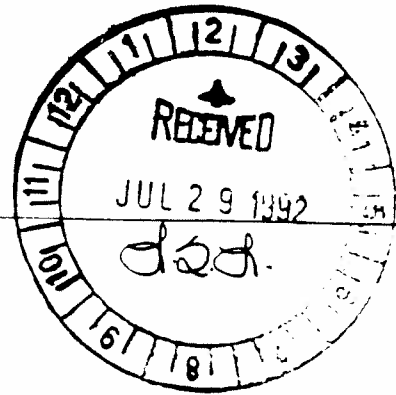


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JUL 28 1992

The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker, Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 771 which I have signed into law this date as  
Public Law 21-128.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK F. BLAS  
Governor of Guam  
Acting

Attachment

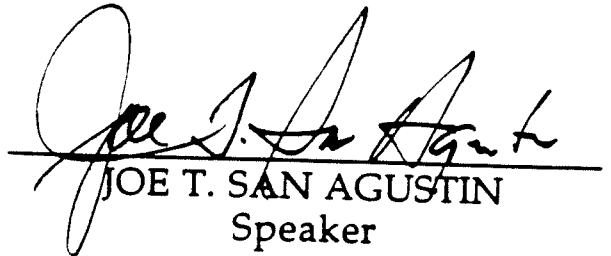
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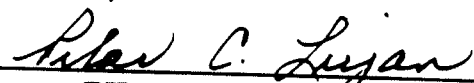
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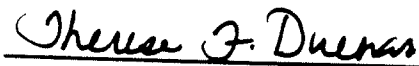
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JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN  
Speaker

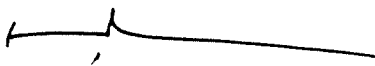
Attested:

  
PILAR C. LUJAN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 10th day of July, 1992,  
at 4:53 o'clock P.M.

  
Theresa F. Duenas  
Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
FRANK F. BLAS  
Governor of Guam  
Acting

Date: JUL 28 1992

Public Law No. 21-128

TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1992 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 771 (LS)

As substituted by the Committee  
on Ways and Means and as further  
substituted by the Committee on Rules

Introduced by:

J. G. Bamba  
J. T. San Agustin  
C. T. C. Gutierrez  
J. P. Aguon  
E. P. Arriola  
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E. R. Dueñas  
E. M. Espaldon  
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M. C. Ruth  
T. V. C. Tanaka  
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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND  
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20 corporation, to establish an educational radio station on Guam.

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TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 7/10/92

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 771

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

	AYE	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT/ OUT DURING ROLL CALL
<u>AGUON, John P.</u>	✓			
<u>ARRIOLA, Elizabeth P.</u>	✓			
<u>BAMBA, J. George</u>				✓
<u>BLAZ, Anthony C.</u>	✓			
<u>BORDALLO, Madeleine Z.</u>	✓			
<u>BROOKS, Doris F.</u>	✓			
<u>DIERKING, Herminia D.</u>	✓			
<u>DUENAS, Edward R.</u>	✓			
<u>ESPALDON, Ernesto M.</u>	✓			
<u>GUTIERREZ, Carl T.C.</u>	✓			
<u>LUJAN, Pilar C.</u>	✓			
<u>MAILLOUX, Gordon</u>	✓			
<u>MANIBUSAN, Marilyn D.A.</u>	✓			
<u>PARKINSON, Don</u>	✓			
<u>REIDY, Michael J.</u>	✓			
<u>RUTH, Martha C.</u>	✓			
<u>SAN AGUSTIN, Joe T.</u>	✓			
<u>SANTOS, Francisco R.</u>	✓			
<u>SHIMIZU, David L.G.</u>				✓
<u>TANAKA, Thomas V.C.</u>	✓			
<u>UNPINGCO, Antonio R.</u>	✓			

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**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
Senator

May 11, 1992

Honorable Speaker Joe T. San Agustin  
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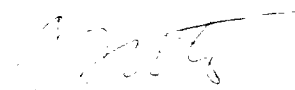
The Committee on Ways & Means wishes to report out its findings on **BILL NO. 771 "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) TO THE GUAM EDUCATIONAL RADIO FOUNDATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC RADIO FACILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM."** to the full Legislature with the recommendation to do Pass as Substituted by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Committee Voting Record is as follows:

TO PASS:	<u>13</u>
NOT TO PASS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>0</u>
INACTIVE FILE:	<u>0</u>

Copies of the Committee Report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information.

Sincerely,

  
**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
Chairman, Committee on  
Ways & Means

Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
Committee on Ways & Means

VOTING SHEET

BILL NO.

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) TO THE GUAM EDUCATIONAL RADIO FOUNDATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC RADIO FACILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.

	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Carl T. C. GUTIERREZ Chairman	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Herminia D. DIERKING Vice-Chairman	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator John P. AGUON Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Elizabeth P. ARRIOLA Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator George BAMBA Member	✓			
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Senator Don PARKINSON Member				
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Michael J. REIDY Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Martha C. RUTH Member	✓ 5/10/92			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator David SHIMIZU Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Speaker Joe T. SAN AGUSTIN Ex-Officio Member	✓			

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS  
COMMITTEE REPORT  
ON**

**BILL NO. 771: AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE  
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RADIO FOUNDATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC RADIO FACILITY  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.**

The Committee on Ways & Means conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 1992 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Legislative Public hearing Room to gather testimony on Bill No. 771. Senator Carl T. C. Gutierrez, Chairman of the Committee conducted the hearing, being joined by Senators Elizabeth P. Arriola, J. George Bamba, Michael Reidy, Anthony C. Blaz, and Herminia D. Dierking.

**TESTIMONY**

Mr. Cliff Stearns testified orally on Bill No. 771. There are many scopes and beneficial aspects of this information and educational station, however, there are some areas that should be used as a guideline. You want to assure professionalism with established professionals who would present well rounded programs schedules and assure a high level of programming. Avoid the influence of government officials and be neutral in all presentation. I hope that they have some Chamorro broadcasting.

Dr. George J. Boughton, Professor of History, University of Guam, appeared before the Committee and submitted written testimony in favor of Bill No. 771. The intent of this Bill is to provide funding that will allow the Guam Educational Radio Foundation to match local contributions and grant funds provided by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. These funds will be used to establish a National Public Radio station on Guam. The Guam Educational Radio Foundation is a Community/University collaborative effort to bring public radio to Guam. It grew out of a joint Community/University Committee organized in 1991 of which I was the chair. Its primary purpose is to increase the amount of



educational, classical music, information, and multi-cultural programming available to the residents of the territory. It is hoped that, by housing the station at the University and utilizing its facilities to expand and broaden the offerings of the Division of Communication and Fine Arts, a more attractive and effective program in mass and broadcast communications can be offered to the students of the Territory and the region as a whole. I have personally met with representatives from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, National Public Radio, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. I can assure the Committee that the Guam Educational Radio Foundation has their full support in bringing public radio to Guam. This support has run the gamete from technical assistance to program development that will produce further grant support from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in the future. I have also met with representatives from PEACESAT. We have begun discussions on utilizing their facilities to bring a limited amount of National Public Radio programming to the rest of Micronesia. If such a relationship can be established, Guam has the potential to become the non-commercial telecommunications hub for the Western Pacific. In conclusion I wish to reiterate my support for Bill No. 771 and to urge its passage by the 21st Guam Legislature.

Mr. Michael C. Wilkins, local businessman and a trustee of the Guam Educational Radio Foundation, appeared before the Committee and submitted written testimony in support of Bill No. 771. I have been a Guam resident for the past 21 years. On occasion, while traveling on the mainland I was delighted to hear programming on the radio that was enlightening and interesting. Upon inquiring I was surprised to hear that much like our own Public Television, KGTF, there was also a National Public Radio Network full of stimulating and entertaining educational material. I strongly urge you to support the efforts of this community to bring Public Radio to Guam, in all its facets, in both local programming and national programming. I am confident that your favorable action will immeasurably benefit the cultural and educational nature of Guam.

Dr. Culley Carson-Greffe, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Guam, appeared before the Committee and submitted written testimony in support of Bill No. 771. One of the strengths of public radio is that it combines excellent national programming, such as news, with local management that is very responsive to regional needs. Guam Public Radio will be able to produce regular shows in Chamorro and other Micronesian languages with local music and local news. This combination of Pacific Island Programming and high quality national programming will make Guam Public Radio one of the most international and one of the best radio stations available to listeners anywhere. Public radio stations swap

programs and information, and one of the great benefits that will result from having public radio on Guam will be that people in other parts of the States will hear more about Guam. Public radio is a gift we can give our children. They can grow up hearing the music and voices of their Micronesian friends on a station that will also broadcast voices and music that are old friends to their parents. Public radio is for all of us, and for the future of Guam.

Ms. Joanne Barta, Director, Guam Educational Radio Foundation appeared before the Committee and submitted written testimony supporting Bill No. 771. The station will be housed on the University of Guam campus. A part of the campus called Dean's Circle has 35 small houses which are being used for offices and grant-funded projects. A written commitment from Dr. Robert Underwood, the Academic Vice President, designates one of these houses for the radio station. Our objective is to provide high quality, varied classical and alternative music programming and to broadcast current, relevant, news information and commentary, including "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition". A population concentration of this, augmented by a large and cosmopolitan influx of tourists needs the high quality news and music programming of National Public Radio. A further objective is to offer multi-cultural programming appropriate to the residents of Guam--especially the Chamorros, as well as the significant minority populations from other Western Pacific Island groups. We expect to exchange Chamorro programs with KHDC-FM in Salinas, California. Guam residents from the outer islands, who have no access to news and cultural programs from their islands, will be able to listen to regular features with their own music and a discussion of island events in their own language. The community has very little classical music available, virtually none with educational commentary. Only one station, a religious missionary station, carries a local program that includes some commentary on classical music. There are very few news programs, none with well-informed in-depth analysis. The Chamorro language programming is very limited. No programs in other Micronesian languages are available. There are currently 8 radio stations on Guam: one news/talk station; 3 AM stations and 3 FM stations which play "memory music," popular, rock, and rap; and the Seventh Day Adventist station which plays some classical music. There are also 3 other license holders which are not on the air at this time. Guam does not receive any station carrying National Public Radio programming. The population of 133,000 provides a good-sized audience. There will be no duplication of services, since there is at present no NPR station in this region. A parochial radio station, which is not yet on the air, has proposed acquiring some NPR programming via Armed Services satellite for a limited number of years, with restricted hours on an "as available" basis. They have applied for auxiliary NPR membership and do not wish full

membership status. We have chosen to serve only the island of Guam because it has a clearly defined base of proven community support, with a high probability of success. We intent to extend the broadcast region to the Northern Marianas Islands after achieving long term financial stability. We also requests special consideration because women and native Pacific Islanders are actively engaged in this project. There are two women among the seven incorporators. Robert Underwood, who is Chamorro, is a member of the Guam Educational Radio Foundation Committee. The president of the university, Wilfred Leon Guerrero, who will appoint three of the seven board members, is also Chamorro. Our committee, which includes both members of the university community and members of the community at large, has been meeting regularly since August 1991. Guam has a well established tradition of supporting community projects through legislative appropriations. The legislature routinely authorizes expenditures for regional meetings, the Guam Symphony Orchestra, and travel for high school participants in sports and other competitions. The university will supply the studio and administrative building and related utilities. Out matching funds total approximately 50% of the total cost of the project. If 75% of our equipment costs are provided by NTIA and the university provides the station facilities, the remainder of the equipment costs and the operating expenses will be our fund raising goal for the first year. We anticipate raising \$100,000 from a membership drive, \$200,000 from a legislative appropriation, and \$100,000 from corporate support. We have retained Hopkins and Sutter, a Washington-based law firm, to negotiate our FCC authorization. Our organization is incorporated. A fiber optic circuit from Hawaii has been selected as the means of receiving timely information and news of current events. Hawaii public radio has assured us of their assistance in this endeavor. We will buy demodulators to be installed in Hawaii to translate the signal from satellite, which will then be transmitted via fiber optic circuits to Guam. Arrangements have been made to lease tower space for our antenna from Rex and Kathy Sorenson, Chairman of the Board and General Manager of K-Z Radio Inc., whose 90-foot tower is located on Mount Barrigada. The tower will be erected on a new foundation at our expense and leased to us for a monthly fee. The position of station director will be advertised in Current magazine to solicit stateside applications, as well as in the local newspaper. A subcommittee consisting of Dr. Donald Swanson, Associate Professor of Communications, and Bryant Reynolds, Associate Professor of Fine Arts, will screen the applications before the Board makes a selection. The University of Guam is anxious to bring the station t the campus and to extend the possibilities for multi-cultural programming on Guam. It also sees this as an important opportunity to involve students, especially communications majors, in production and to assist the station personnel.

Mr. James J. Taylor, Vice President for Financial Affairs, Guam Community College appeared before the Committee and submitted written testimony supporting Bill No. 771. I believe that a public radio station on Guam will be able to serve much the same purpose as in West Virginia. It will provide news from around the world and alternative programming. It will also help others know about the culture and the life of the people of Guam. I look forward to enjoying a public radio station on Guam and I will work with you the Guam Educational Radio Foundation to help make that happen.

Mr. Joseph E. Tighe, General Manager, Guam Educational Telecommunications Corp., appeared before the Committee and submitted written testimony in support of Bill No. 771. I agree fully with Section 1 of the bill that public radio offers an alternative to commercial radio, and educational opportunities for both University of Guam students and listeners. There are a wide variety of grant programs available for the construction of a new public radio stations and for its subsequent operation, and I am sure that the Guam Educational Radio Foundation will make every effort to qualify for these funds. But it is important that those granting authorities be made aware of the level of support locally for the proposed new station. Your appropriation of \$200,000 to the foundation will be an important first step in signalling this support, and creating a strong base for the success of the new station. KGTF has enjoyed a great deal of support from the administration, this body, and the community at large, and I believe public television on Guam has made great progress as a result of this support. With this same commitment, I feel confident that the Guam Educational Radio Foundation can be an important educational asset to our island community.

Mr. Don R. Swanson, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Communication, University of Guam, and also a member of the Board of Directors, Guam Education Radio Foundation, appeared before the Committee and submitted written testimony in support of Bill No. 771. The balance in-depth current events programming provided by National Public Radio can fill a critical void in the spectrum of broadcast choices on Guam. Students need in-depth news and carefully prepared documentary programming to understand complex issues and to develop their critical listening and critical thinking skills. Our communication students in such courses as Public Speaking, Listening, Persuasion, Argumentation, Political Communication, and Media Analysis need access to such programming. Our communication-broadcasting majors need to listen and analyze the diverse high-quality programming prepared in radio production facilities across the United States. Our broadcasting students will benefit greatly from internships with the Guam Public Radio station. I believe that Bill No. 771 represents a significant investment in the future of Guam.

Mr. Bryant J. Reynolds, Chair of the Division of Communication and Fine Arts at the University of Guam and a Board Member of the Guam Educational Radio Foundation, appeared before the Committee to expressed his support for Bill No. 771. Cultural understanding will be greatly enhanced by presenting radio programs in many of the indigenous languages found in our international community. For example, using the distance education capabilities currently present at the University of Guam, National Public Radio Guam could present radio news and music programs at specific times of the day or week in Chuukese, Balauan, Tagalog, Yapese, and Chamorro. The Chamorro NPR station in Southern California and NPR Guam could exchange Chamorro programing. It is in the cultural area that I see the greatest promise. At last, our great international community would have a radio voice...a touch of home! Guam could have the first International Radio Station in the Pacific Rim.

Christina Iarossi, UOG student, testified orally in favor of the Bill. I have been attending the University of Guam off and on since 1985 and we have heard a lot of what if from the student and we've heard a lot of its been proposed from the instructors. Well, finally it is being proposed and we have a chance to have a great facility here. Although this would be implemented after most of us here graduate, its a great opportunity for the future students of the University of Guam and I support it one hundred percent.

Miss Y. Renee Weytowich, UOG student, testified orally in support of Bill No. 771. I too also support one hundred percent being that my parents are also communication involved on Guam, I have gotten involved and I would like to further my education. I think that this would be an absolute great opportunity for all the communication majors. I think that you should pass the Bill.

Miss Carmen Ulloa, UOG student, testified orally in support of Bill No. 771. Frankly, Mr. Chairman and Committee members I'm very excited about this. We've had the opportunity to take our classes at KGTF on hand experience. This is the kind of experience, the kind of class lesson that drive into... and so now we have this chance that hopefully, considering its going to be situated at the University of Guam, maybe we can use that as a learning facility for the communication students.

Emily R. Maestrecampo, UOG student, testified orally in support of Bill No. 771. Being a Communication major like the rest, I'm about to graduate and would have liked the experience to work hands on at a radio station, but as for now my background is mostly in TV and speech. I think that for future communication majors it would be a good opportunity not

only for it to stay in the University but also to reach out and connect with the community of Guam.

Richard Lumagui, UOG student, testified orally in support of Bill No. 771. Even if the Bill passes, I won't be experiencing much of this opportunity.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Ways & Means recommends that Bill No. 771 be passed as Introduced.

**TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1992 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 771  
As Substituted by the  
Committee on Ways & Means

Introduced by:

**J. G. Bamba  
J. T. San Agustin  
C. T. C. Gutierrez**

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March 25, 1992

Seanator Carl Guterrez  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
21st Guam Legislature  
Agana, Guam

Dear Senator Gutierrez and Memebers of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I am here today as a private citizen and as a faculty member of the University of Guam to testify in favor of Bill 771.

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Telecommunications and Information Administration, National Public Radio, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. I can assure the Committee that the Guam Educational Radio Foundation has their full support in bringing public radio to Guam. This support has run the gamute from technical assistance to program development that will produce further grant support from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in the future.

I have also met with representatives from PEACESAT. We have begun discussions on utilizing their facilities to bring a limited amount of National Public Radio programming to the rest of Micronesia. If such a relationship can be established, Guam has the potential to become the non-commercial telecommunications hub for the Western Pacific.

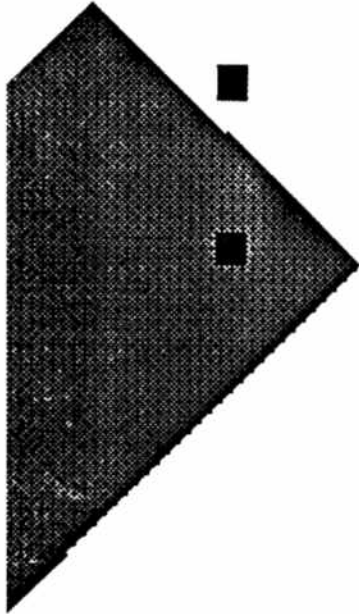
In conculsion I wish to reiterate my support for Bill 771 and to urge its passage by the 21st Guam Legislature.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

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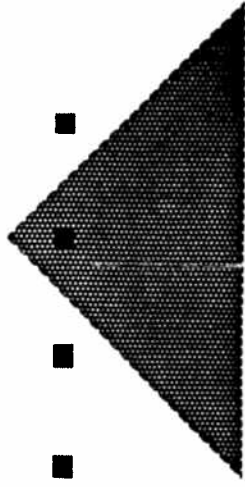
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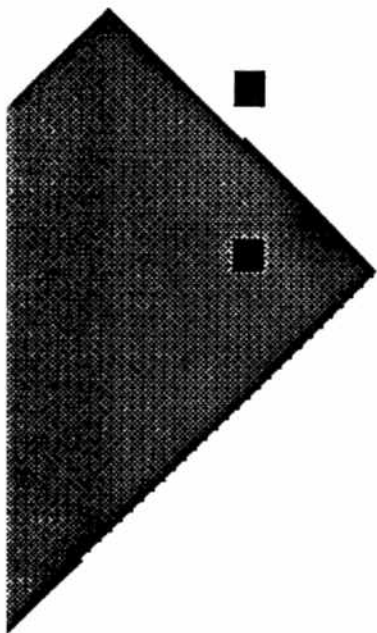
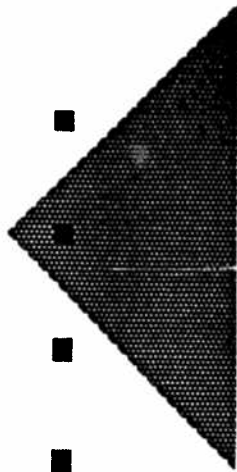
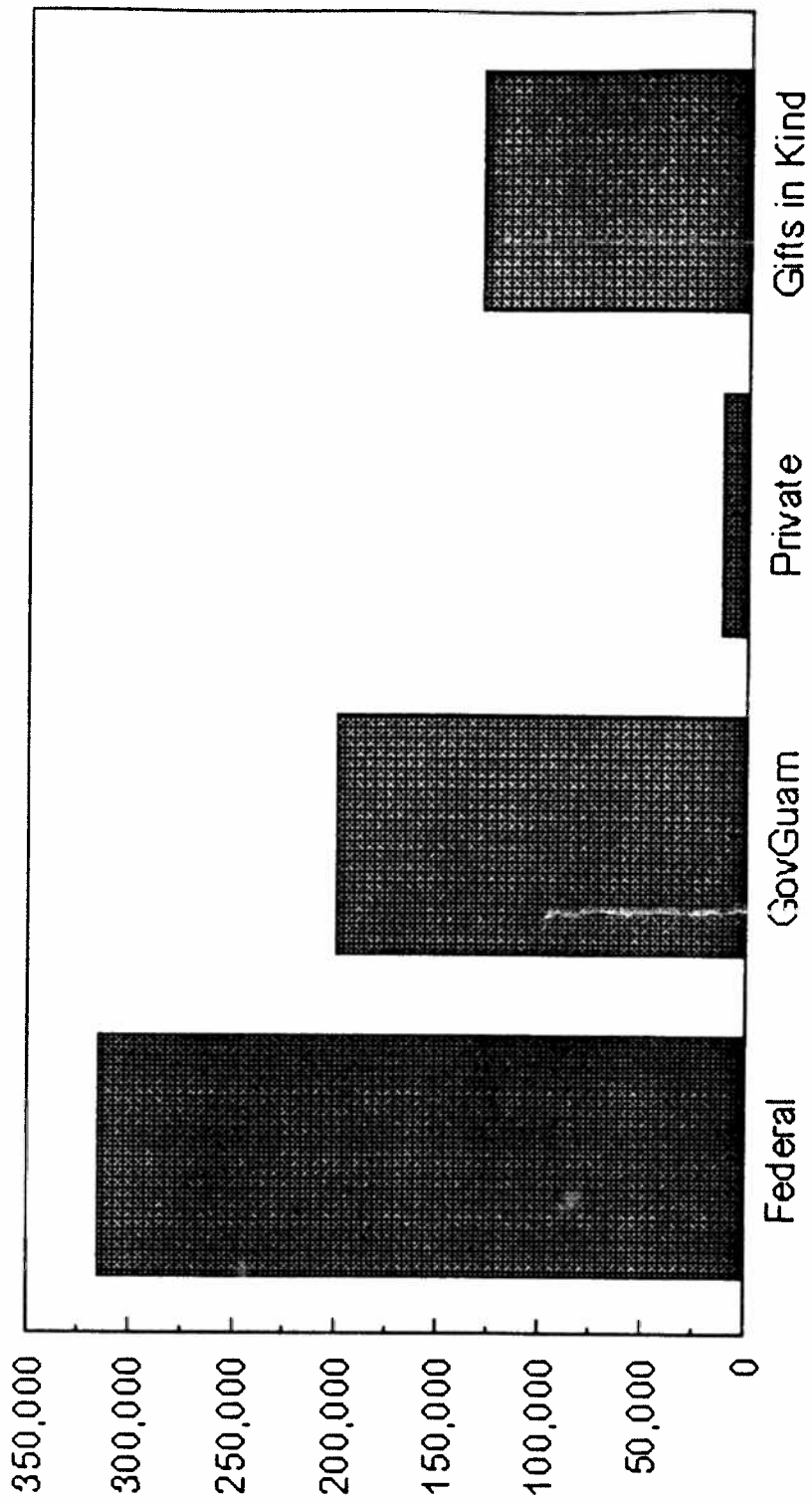
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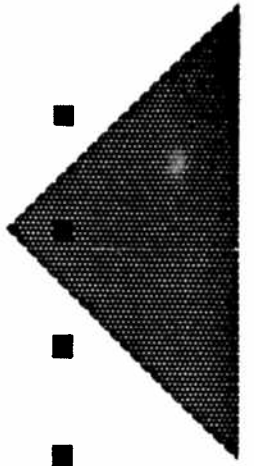
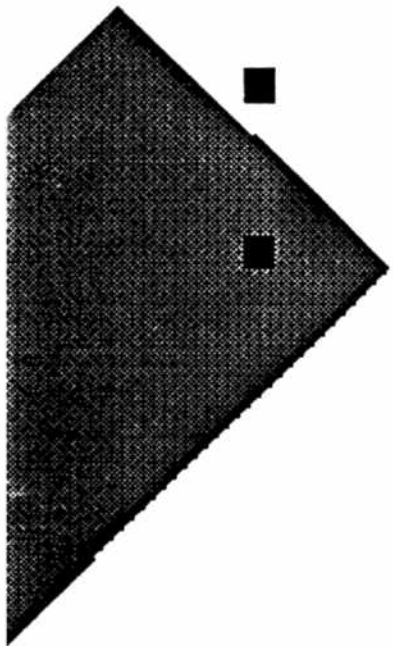
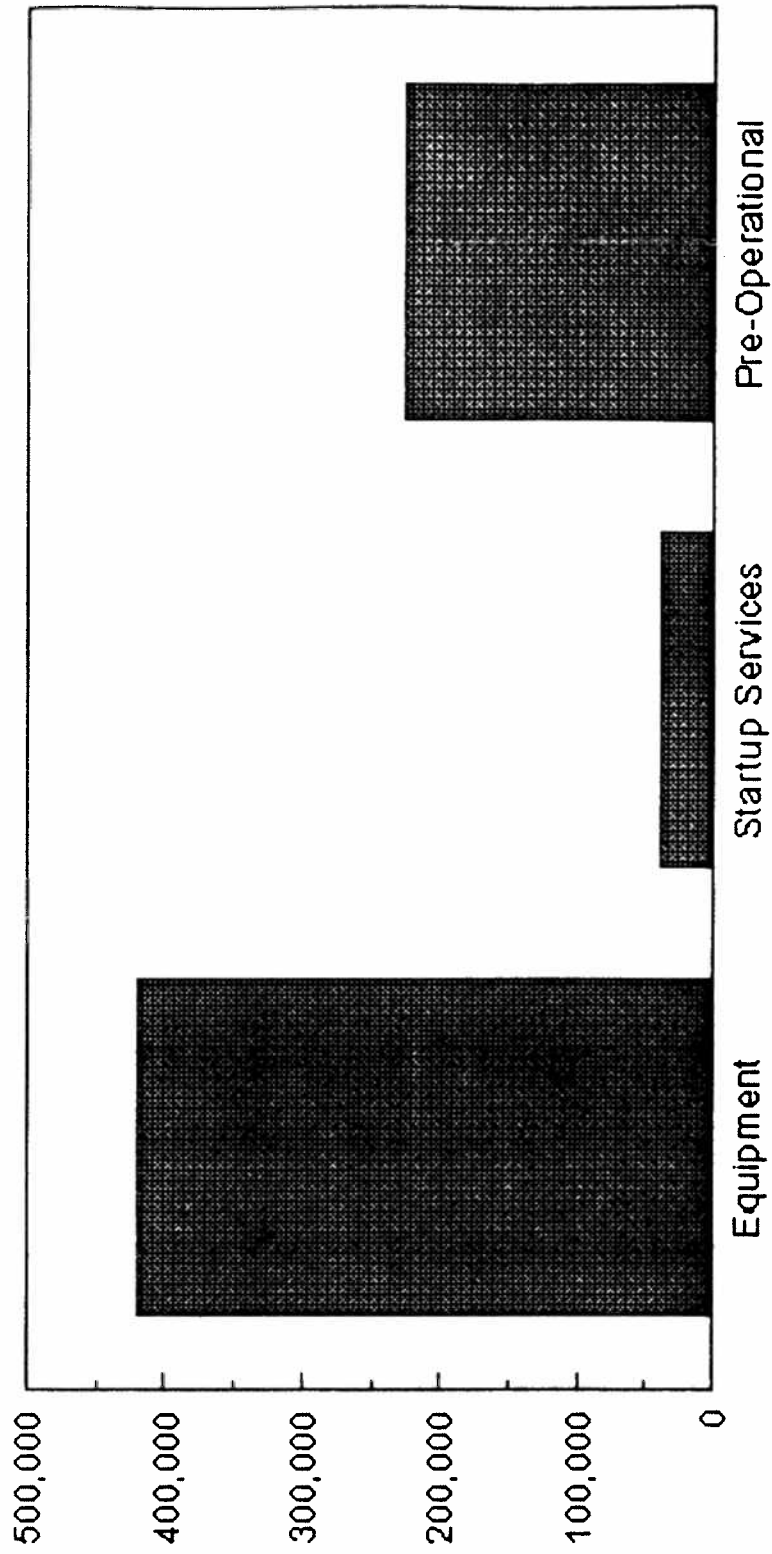
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## TESTIMONY FROM SENATOR GEORGE BAMBA ON BILL 771 - GUAM PUBLIC RADIO

An island community must have good communication facilities in order to avoid isolation. Public radio will give Guam an important non-commercial link to the mainland United States and the rest of the world. Through National Public Radio (NPR) we will receive award winning news programs such as "All things considered" and "Morning Edition" which will provide special insights into current events around the world. NPR also offers a variety of educational programs as well as a host of programs about different cultures, the arts, and music.

Public radio will not only link the world to Guam, it is an opportunity for Guam to produce programs that can be transmitted to the rest of the world. As an NPR member it is possible to produce programs about Guam that will enhance awareness about our island.

Guam Public Radio will be quite an asset for our local people. Radio is a very accessible medium, providing an opportunity for substantial public involvement, from production and programming to fund raising and special events. The station will reflect the needs and the interests of the people of our island. Programs will be produced that will educate listeners about our local Chamorro culture and history, as well as the cultures of other island communities in Micronesia.



Public Radio is an alternative music medium, providing a source of music that is not heavily influenced by the necessity to generate revenue. Commercial stations on Guam are targeted toward specific markets, and therefore the music has a tendency to be similar and lacking in variety. Public radio can fill the gaps and open new vistas of music appreciation for our island's listeners.

The station will be located at the University of Guam where it will be a valuable teaching tool for communications majors. Its placement will also make it a useful means for the production of educational programs by UOG staff members.

We have had a public television station on Guam for two decades, and it seems to me that a public radio station is long over due. I strongly recommend that we in the legislature, as representatives of the people, provide our citizens with a medium of communication that can be an educational tool and a source of enjoyment for many years. I think that it is also important that the station must be truly public and removed from political influence as much as possible. This is inherent in the structure of the board of directors. The board is elected from the community at large except for three members who are appointed by the University of Guam.

The \$200,000 appropriation will be used by the Guam Educational Radio Foundation which is a not-for-profit organization which has been incorporated to build and run the station. Local support for

the project is essential for the passage of the federal grant application, therefore I request that the appropriation process be expedited to get the station "on the air" as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of Bill 771, I believe that by providing support for public radio we are acting in the best interest of the people of our island.

March 20, 1992

Dear Senator Bamba and Speaker San Agustin:

I am writing this (and testifying) to show my strong support for Bill 771, which will appropriate \$200,000 toward the establishment of a Public Radio station on Guam.

For most of my life, I have been an avid listener of National Public Radio, first in my hometown of Portland, Oregon. As a high school student, I gained appreciation of classical music through NPR and was exposed to alternative music, such as bluegrass and various regional folk music styles. The Senate Watergate Hearings, which were aired in their entirety over National Public Radio, brought government to life for me. Not only were the live broadcasts fascinating, but the NPR reporter's analysis following each session was educational and thorough.

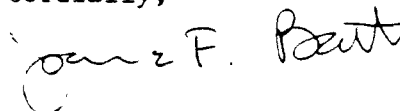
Through the years, NPR has maintained this high quality of professional journalism -- in-depth reporting and analysis -- as seen in their news programs "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered".

When I went to college in Ashland, Oregon, I was pleased to find NPR there, complete with news and analysis, and a variety of local programming. After I graduated from college, I moved to Tangent, Oregon, where an NPR station was alive and well. Among programs produced at that station was a half-hour daily reading. The novels chosen were critically acclaimed and over a year's time, I was exposed to a variety of literature.

A couple of years later, I moved to Hawaii and was happy to find Hawaii Public Radio, which offered much of the programming I was already familiar with (Saint Paul Sunday Morning, Prairie Home Companion, and Morning Edition), and several programs which were new to me, some of which were locally produced and reflected Hawaiian news and cultural interests, including traditional Hawaiian music and broadcasts in the Hawaiian language.

National Public Radio helps to preserve local cultures and broadcasts programs which are often not commercially viable, but are educational and culturally valuable. Through National Public Radio, the rest of the United States may become more aware of Guam, and the people of Guam will be much closer to the issues and culture of the rest of the world. I am pleased to be an active member of Guam Educational Radio Foundation and committed to bringing NPR to Guam.

Cordially,



Joanne Barta  
Guam Educational Radio Foundation