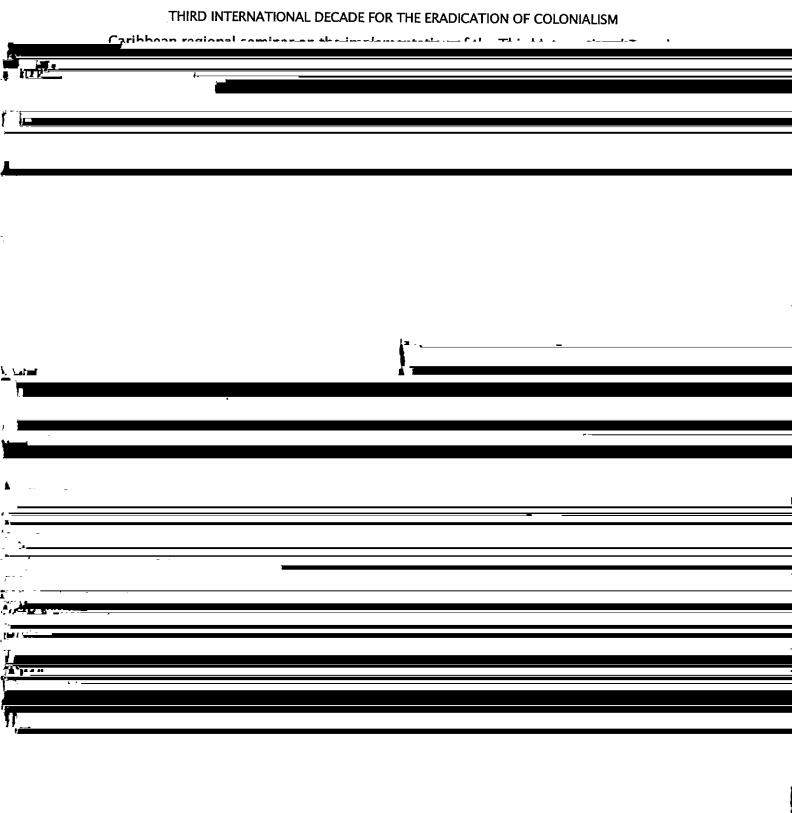
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As a scholar whose research is invested in studying Guam's colonial history and theorizing the possibilities for its decolonization, I have studied this deadlock in many forms, always with the intent of <a href="https://linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linearchy.org/linear

deadlock and help people understand the need and advantages to changing our political status to something more equitable.

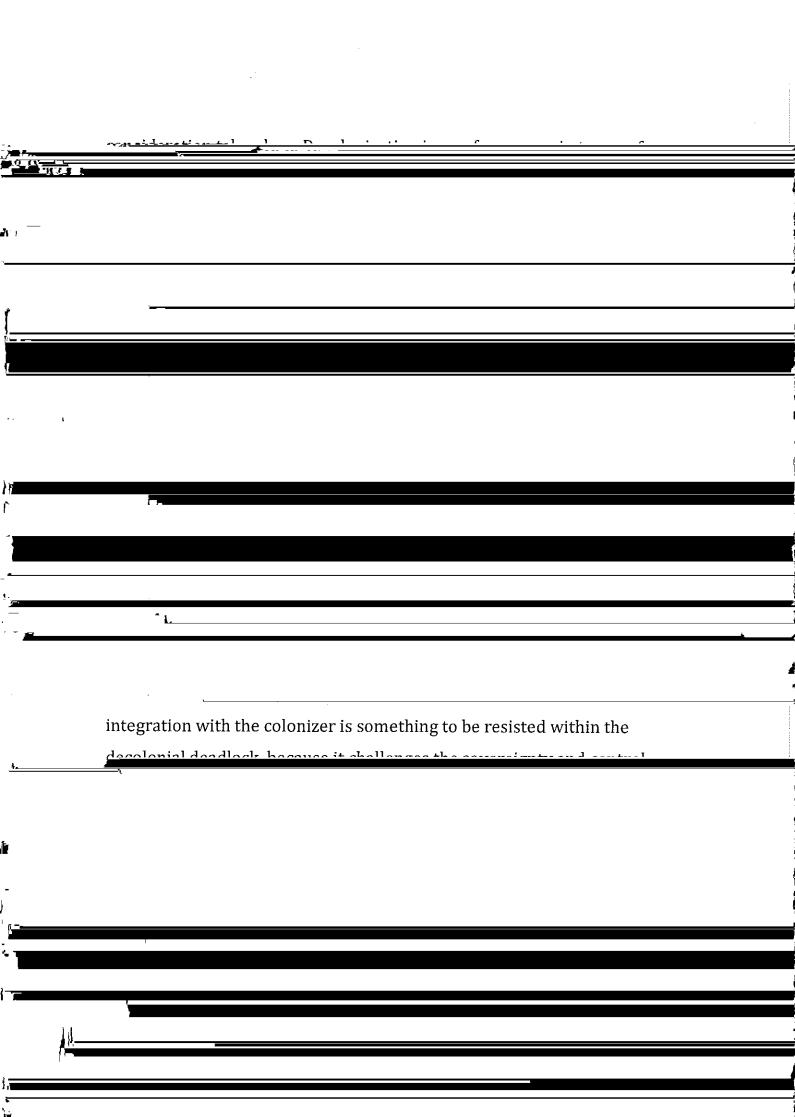
From 2002 – 2004 I conducted an ethnographic study with more than 100 Chamorros ages 20 – 70, to discuss their ideas and thoughts on Guam's decolonization. The majority of these subjects were against the mere idea of decolonization, and had trouble discussing it in an objective way. Their resistance was animated by a set of strange and bewildering fantasies. These fantasies shaped their discourse in such a way that decolonization became deadly and dangerous. It was something that they felt threatened the very possibility of life on the island.

Many of the ideas they proposed were very irrational and shouldn't have been offered up in a serious interview. I questioned them as to whether or not they were serious or merely joking. Even after being

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They argued that a decolonized Guam would defend itself with "slingstones and spears" and soldiers in "loincloths" and that the government of a decolonized Guam would govern the island by

context, and the ways in which they may have come to accept colonial caricatures of themselves. These caricatures are derived from the premise that the colonized parcon needs the colonizar and connet curries or advenge withent



Those who fantasize that the UN is holding Guam back from decolonizing, thus argue that it should really by the US who decolonizes Guam. Thus reinforcing the idea that even in terms of self-determination, something that shouldn't belong to any colonizer, people on Guam feel that it should be the colonizer who determines the destiny of Champros. This is truly regrettable since the US is an record service.

they do not support real decolonization for Guam. Due to its strategic importance and the bases the US possesses there, they have no interest in decolonizing the island. As a non-self-governing territory with little say over its destiny, the US is satisfied with Guam's current status.

The UN can play a critical role in resolving the decolonial deadlock and bringing about a change in consciousness in Guam. But it must have some sort of presence. I would encourage anyway possible for the United Nations to become involved and publicize its role in the decolonization process.

Si Yu'usMa'ase (thank you)