

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIG. GEN. A. J. GOODPASTER THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President from Governor Joseph Flores of Guam

In reply to your memorandum of January 23, 1961, the Department recommends that the President reply personally to the telegram sent to him by the Governor of Guam.

A suggested telegraphic reply for consideration by the President is enclosed, and the telegram from the Governor of Guam is returned. If the reply is approved, it is suggested that the White House transmit the message directly to Governor Flores.

Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.

Director

Executive Secretariat

Enclosures:

- 1. Suggested reply.
- 2. Telegram from Governor Flores.

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SUGGESTED REPLY

The Honorable

Joseph Flores,

Governor of Quem,

Agana.

I wish to express to you and to the people of Guam
my appreciation for your prayers that God may guide me as
I undertake the duties of President of the United States.
It is good to know that I have the support of the people of
the territory of Guam, one of the most important links in
the chain of free-world defenses in the Pacific area.

John F. Kennedy

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FAX WASHINGTON DC 21 635F EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PEOPLE OF GUAM JOIN ME IN PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT YOUR TERM OF OFFICE AS CHIEF OF THIS GREAT REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GOVERNOR JOSEPH FLORES.

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