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Personal

Dear Larry:

Here I am half the world from you in the middle of Oceania.

You can be sure that we are taking good care to establish in this corner of the world the New Frontier philosophy.

You can imagine I miss all my good friends from Washington but all the 96 islands of the Trust Territory are very attractive and challenging.

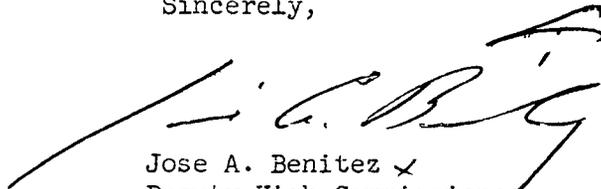
You can be sure I am missing my political enemies; as you know I never like to restrain from a good political squabble.

I really appreciate all the help you offered me during my crucial times. I would have written to you before but I have really been busy traveling around the three million square miles farm that we have to tend here.

I am sure of your successes in handling Congressional problems. They all have a great opinion of you.

Hoping to have the pleasure of being with you again in the near future.

Sincerely,


Jose A. Benitez ✓
Deputy High Commissioner

P.S. I am including a speech I made at PICS high school in Ponape. I am sure that you will enjoy reading it in order to get better acquainted with the Trust Territory.

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