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President John F. Kennedy
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Dear Mr. President:

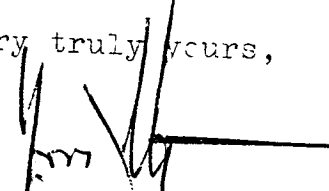
It has come to my attention that there is some consideration under study to replace Governor Bill Daniel from office. Ostensibly, the reason for considering this move is because it was felt in some quarters that it would help to speed the favorable consideration for the Elective Governorship Bill for Guam which is presently before Congress. As State Chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam and member of the Legislature, I feel that this move would delay action on the bill rather than speed it up. At the same time there are other reasons Governor Bill Daniel should be given a chance to fill out his term of office. These reasons are as follows:

1. Appointing a native Guamanian for Governor with the Elective Governorship Bill now before the U.S. Congress in my opinion would slow up the consideration of the bill because Congress would then say that Guam already has a native Guamanian for governor and would be less sympathetic and inclined to take any action.
2. Appointing a Guamanian with the Elective Governorship Bill before Congress would cause division in the Democratic Party of Guam because this would be interpreted as an endorsement of one Democrat among several who may aspire for the office.
3. Governor Bill Daniel has been extremely cooperative with the Democratic Party of Guam as evidenced by the appointments of qualified local Democrats to positions of responsibility such as the Director of Public Safety, Director of Labor and Personnel, Chief of the Retirement Division and Deputy Director of Public Works.
4. Governor Bill Daniel has embarked on two economic programs which Guam needs, namely, Back to the Soil Program and the Tourist Industry Program. He should be given the opportunity to see these programs through.

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5. Prestige of the Democratic Party would suffer because the people have been critical of the lack of continuity in the service of previous Republican governors.
 6. Governor Bill Daniel is well liked by the great majority of the people on Guam and is doing a fine job.

Mr. President, I hope this information will be of help to you. In rendering my views, I would like you to know that the welfare of Guam is uppermost in my thoughts, and secondly, what I feel would be the best interests of the Democratic Party of Guam.

Very truly yours,


Ricardo J. Bordallo

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