



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM
U.S.A.

BILL DANIEL
GOVERNOR

September 12, 1962

Handwritten note:
Mr. Daniel
Guam.

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate the opportunity of service as Governor of Guam afforded by your appointment early in 1961. I have been very pleased with the assignment and the progress made during my administration as Governor. This progress is best evidenced by the unanimous Resolutions recently adopted and forwarded to you by the Legislature and the elected Commissioners of Guam.

During my period of service, I have formed a real attachment to the people of Guam and the work that I have done has given me deep personal satisfaction. I have great faith in the future of Guam and I hope that I can always maintain the close friendships that I formed during my stay. However, the keystone of the program which I have advocated is more self-government for the people of Guam, including enactment of legislation by the Congress providing for the election of a Governor.

Upon careful thought, I have become convinced that the success of this legislation would be enhanced if a Guamanian was serving successfully as Governor while it is pending. Therefore, in order that you may have the opportunity to consider such an appointment, I hereby respectfully submit my resignation as Governor of Guam, effective January 20, 1963.

I sincerely thank you for the confidence you expressed in my appointment and for the opportunity of service which this afforded me.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Daniel
Bill Daniel

The President
The White House
Washington

September 14, 1962

Dear Governor Daniel:

It is with great regret that I accept your resignation as Governor of Guam. Your administration as Governor has been one of the most successful in the history of Guam, and it is evident that the people of the Island hold you in a great deal of affection and esteem for the work you have performed in their behalf.

I understand and fully appreciate the reasons that led to your decision, and I hope to make an appointment which will attain the objective you have set forth. In the event your successor has not been qualified by next January 20, I hope you will agree to continue in office until there is a qualified successor.

You have performed an important mission with distinction, and I am pleased to learn from the Secretary of Interior that you have agreed to become a Consultant to the Interior Department on Territorial Affairs upon your resignation. Your experience and your dedication are valuable to our country and should not be lost.

Sincerely,

X
Honorable William P. Daniel
Governor of Guam
Agana, Guam

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The White House announced today that President Kennedy has accepted the resignation as Governor of Guam of Bill Daniel, who decided to leave the post in order to clear the way for the appointment of a Guamanian to the high office.

Governor Daniel, in his letter of resignation, said he believed that the appointment of a Guamanian would be an important contribution toward a higher degree of local self-government and would assist in the eventual enactment of an Elective Governor Bill.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, upon being notified of the resignation, said:

"I deeply regret that Governor Daniel is leaving this important post. I understand and applaud his motives. But he will be missed because Guam has made important progress under his administration and the people of the Island have expressed their affection for him and their high esteem for his services.

"Under Governor Daniel, restrictions which prevented free access to the Island have been lifted -- thereby opening the way for increased economic activity and for the establishment of a tourist industry. Important public works have been set in motion to enhance both the health standards of the people and the natural beauties of the Island.

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"Such great strides have been made that private industry is now engaged in establishing adequate tourist facilities. Highways have been improved, as well as schools and parks. Major agricultural programs have been launched and Guam is well on the way toward a prosperous economy.

"Governor Daniel inaugurated a New Frontier program which has made Guam into a showcase of democracy.

"I am very pleased that Governor Daniel has agreed to accept an appointment by the Interior Department as Consultant on Territorial Affairs, effective on the date of his resignation. His advice will be invaluable in helping to draft and enact legislation which will raise local self-government to even higher standards."

(Text of letters exchanged between Governor Daniel and President Kennedy.)