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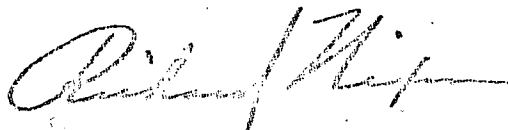
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Dear Ambassador Williams:

You have my very best wishes as you begin discussions with the representatives of the Mariana Islands looking toward a close and permanent association between the Islands and the United States. I wish you every success in these talks.

Please convey my warm greetings to the representatives of the Mariana Islands. The United States, as a Pacific nation, is deeply concerned both for the stability of this vital area, and for the security and well-being of the Marianas people. In this spirit, we are looking forward to a continuing mutually advantageous relationship with the Mariana Islands.

Sincerely,



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