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The Honorable Felipe Mendiola
Mayor
Tinian Municipality
Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mayor Mendiola:

I am writing to inform you that representatives of the United States and the Marianas Status Commission have started a series of meetings in Saipan on ways and means of meeting the U. S. land requirements agreed to in the U.S.-MPSC joint communique of May 31, 1974. A surveying team under contract to the U. S. Navy will be visiting Tinian in the near future with the concurrence of the Marianas Status Commission, to ascertain on the ground the location of the proposed southern boundary of the projected base, including the harbor area.

The cooperation and assistance of the people of Tinian in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. The survey leader has been asked to get in touch with you upon his arrival.

In this connection let me take this first opportunity to extend my congratulations on your election to the office of Mayor of Tinian. Your new position is one of great responsibility and it is my hope that we can call on you from time to time for advice and assistance on matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely yours,

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Franklin Haydn Williams
U. S. Ambassador

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