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Dear Mr. Tenorio:

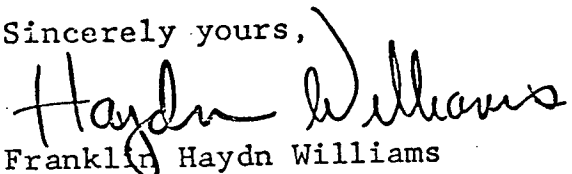
Thank you for your letter of September 11, 1974, on the subject of homesteading on Tinian. I have forwarded copies of the letter to DOTA and the HICOM for their attention and action. I am also aware of Mr. Cruz's continuing interest and concern on behalf of his own people in homesteads on Tinian.

As you know my responsibilities and the jurisdiction of OMSN do not include authority over the matter raised in your letter. Nonetheless I am mindful of your concerns and aware of the need to address in a vigorous manner the Tinian homesteading question as a matter of high priority.

I am particularly interested in making certain that there is a clear understanding that as far as the United States is concerned there is no policy restriction (or moratorium on village and agricultural homesteads) on Tinian in those areas not under negotiation. I am also interested in making sure that everyone realizes that policies regarding eligibility, the processing of applications, the availability and location of homesteading sites, and the implementation of such policies is a local administrative matter and that the responsibility for same rests with the District Administrator and the TTPI Government.

Having said this I wish to assure you of my continuing concern that the questions you and Mr. Cruz have raised be resolved in a fair and timely fashion and that I will do whatever I can to lend whatever assistance I can toward this end within the limits of my responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,



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