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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1974 regarding the United States Memorial Park for Saipan island as has been proposed by Ambassador Haydn Williams in his negotiations with the Marianas Political Status Commission. I personally fully support the development of such a park as an excellent land use proposal and have informed the Ambassador of my feelings in recent meetings with him.

To lead Department of the Interior involvement in this effort, I have designated James G. Watt, Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. I have directed Mr. Watt to coordinate his actions with Stanley S. Carpenter, Director of Territorial Affairs and Ambassador Williams as well as the Department of Defense executive agent for this project. Mr. Watt recently returned from a two-day tour of Saipan and reported to me his professional judgment that the Micro Beach area north to "A" dock holds tremendous potential for a U.S. Memorial Park. Mr. Watt's office has also prepared a preliminary conceptual design for the park which Ambassador Williams shared with the leadership of the Marianas Political Status Commission when he met with them in Honolulu. A copy of that design can be furnished your executive agent.

This Department has suggestions as to the funding, land-clearing, construction and long-range maintenance aspects of the proposed park. I would hope that, along with Messrs. Watt and Carpenter, in the near future I can personally discuss these points with you, Admiral Moorer and your project executive agent. Ambassador Williams or his deputy would, of course, be involved in such a discussion.

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Sincerely yours,

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