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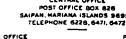
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The Honorable <u>Rogers C.B. Morton</u> Secretary of the Interior Office of the Dep't of Interior Washington, D.C. 20525

Dear Secretary Morton:

A few weeks ago, this office, upon request of our clients, a broadly based group of persons concerned about the forthcoming plebiscite to be held on June 17 in the Northern Mariana Islands, prepared a letter requesting you to revise the language which you have prescribed for the plebiscite ballot.

We understand that the letter was forwarded to you, and to various other interested persons, by our clients some two weeks ago. Neither we nor our clients have as yet received any response from you.

We are now enclosing a petition, circulated by our clients and signed by more than four hundred and fifty (450) persons, in support of that request. It may be of interest to you that the petition is signed by Chamorros as well as Carolinians, and by Popular Party as well as Territorial Party members. Thus both major ethnic groups and both political parties of the Marianas are represented. All support the concept of a "fair and impartial plebiscite" and recognize that the presently prescribed ballot language is not conducive to such a plebiscite.

We respectfully renew our clients' earlier request that the ballot language be revised as suggested in the May 1 letter. Time is running short. We would appreciate an early response so

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that we and our clients may determine whether further action may be appropriate or necessary to protect their interests.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

All persons who received copies of the May 1 letter (w/ petition but not signatures). xc: