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SUBJECT: PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANAS
FOR PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER CANHAM FROM ACTING SECRETARY OF
THE INTERIOR

AS DATE FOR MARIANAS PLEBISCITE APPROACHES, I WANT TO SEND
YOU THIS WORD OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPERB WORK WHICH YOU
HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING IN FULFILLMENT OF YOUR DUTIES AS
PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER. IT IS A SOURCE OF DEEP GRATIFICA-
TION TO KNOW THAT THE AIM OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL, IMPARTIAL, AND INFORMED VOTE ON THE
COMMONWEALTH COVENANT IS BEING SO CLEARLY REALIZED.

IN PLANNING FOR THE POST-PLEBISCITE PERIOD, WE WOULD APPRECI-
ATE HAVING YOUR ESTIMATE AS TO THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED
FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO CONFIRM VOTING RESULT. IN ORDER TO
FACILITATE SUBMISSION OF THE COVENANT TO THE U.S. CONGRESS
IN CASE OF AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN IMMEDI-
ATE REPORT OF THE PLEBISCITE RESULTS BY TELEPHONE TO DOTA,
FOLLOWED UP BY TELEGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION AND YOUR FORMAL
CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS TO ARRIVE HERE BY FASTEST MEANS.

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SUBSEQUENTLY, ALLOWING FOR ORDERLY CONCLUSION OF YOUR DUTIES ON SAIPAN AND ANY PERSONAL TRAVEL OR WELL-DESERVED HOLIDAY YOU MAY WISH TO SCHEDULE, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PLAN ON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON FOR YOUR FINAL REPORT. PLEASE ADVISE US OF YOUR CONVENIENCE IN THIS REGARD.
KENT FRIZZELL, ACTING SECRETARY.

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