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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 GRATIFICATION 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 APPRECIATE 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 IMMEDIATE 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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