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SUBJECT: MARIANAS PLEBISCITE

PASS TO PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER CANHAM FROM AMBASSADOR
F. HAYDN WILLIAMS

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. CANHAM:

MANY, MANY THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO
THE HISTORIC PLEBISCITE JUST HELD IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.
YOUR INTEGRITY, INITIATIVE AND DILIGENCE HAVE PROVIDED A
MODEL WHICH I FEEL SURE MUST HAVE ITS CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE
ON THE FORMATION OF THE NEW COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT WHEN
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WILL HAVE OPENED THE WAY FOR SUCH
DEVELOPMENT.

THOSE OF US WHO HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD IN THE DRAFTING OF
THE COVENANT AND WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE RELATED NEGOTIATIONS,
ARE OF COURSE DEEPLY GRATIFIED AT THE RESULTS OF THE PLEBISCITE,
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOUR SUPERVISION OF IT AND YOUR CERTIFICATION
OF THE FINAL TALLY WILL ENSURE ITS VALIDITY. MY ENTIRE DELEGATION
JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL
DONE. SINCERELY YOURS:
AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS

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