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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT RELEASED BY THE WHITE HOUSE JUNE 20.

BEGIN TEXT. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MY PERSONAL GREETINGS AND TO CONVEY TO THEM MY PLEASURE WITH THE RESULTS OF THE PLEBISCITE HELD ON JUNE 17, 1975. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY HAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT IN FREE AND OPEN BALLOTING OBSERVED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND PRECEDED BY A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL SUCATION PROGRAM. I WISH PERSONALLY TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND ALL OF THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE PLEBISCITE, INCLUDING THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF, THE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD AND THE PLEBISCITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS HAVE NOW SPOKEN. THE

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