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Office of the Speaker
U.S. House of Representative
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Honorable Carl Alberts;

You probably know by now that the Northern Marianas accepted the propose Covenant with the United States in the plebecite on June 17, 1975, with almost 80% of the vote in favor. This is a very strong endorsement of the often express desire of our people for union with the United States.

As Mayor of Rota, the second largest Island in population of the Northern Marianas, I am very proud to bring to your attention the fact that the vote on Rota in favor of the covenant was 95%. This was not by any accident. The people here have carefully examined and discussed the proposed covenant, and thoughly debated it's advantages and disadvantages. They chose to continue in their effort to become part of the American Family, and the extremely favorable vote demonstrates this more strongly than any talk or speeches.

Despite the recent setbacks for the United States in South East Asia, the people of the Northern Marianas still have confidence in her strength. We value highly the freedoms and priviledges of being an American. As guaranted by the Constitution and it's amendments, we sincerely wish to join you in working for an even stronger and better America.

On behalf of the people of Rota, I ask your support in the upcoming meeting and discussion of the congress of the United State of America. Though some may oppose Commonwelth Status for the Northern Marianas Islands, it is now known to be the desire of the great majority of the people. We feel also that it is in best interest of America, for we have much to contribute, Culturallly, Socially, and Strategically. Our people are healthy and happy, and have a strong tradition of hospitality. The Islands Culture is rich from the history of the South Seas Sailers we are desended from. Our Islands are also at key location in the Western Pacific.

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I feel that America and the Northern Marianas both have much to benefit from the approval of the Covenant, and I hope you will use your good Office to support it's passage in Congress.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Very Sincerely Yours,

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Mayor, Municipality of Rota

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