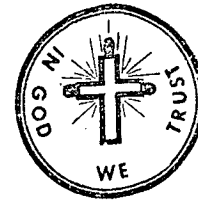


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July 14, 1975

The Honorable George S. McGovern  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. McGovern:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 16, 1975, in response to my earlier letter, concerning the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for your expression of support contained therein.

Since the date of your letter, the people of the Mariana Islands District have had the opportunity to express their wishes in a plebiscite on the Commonwealth Covenant. In the plebiscite, the people of this District, in a sovereign act of self-determination, approved the Covenant by the overwhelming majority of 78.8%.

As an elected representative of the people, I am sure that you are aware of our obligation to respect the wishes of the popular mandate. The people of the Marianas have made their choice, and I am obligated to support that choice. The Covenant is not a perfect document, either for the United States or for the people of the Marianas, but it is a document which can and will provide a firm basis for the relationship between the Marianas and the United States.

I urge that you and your colleagues in the United States Senate give your full and qualified support to the approval of the Covenant to establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, in order that the political goals and aspirations of the people of the Marianas might be fulfilled.

Thank you for your continued concern and support.

Very truly yours,

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July 14, 1975

The Honorable Gary Hart  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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