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Ambassador F. Haydn Williams  
The President's Personal Representative for Micronesian  
Status Negotiations  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 361  
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Williams:

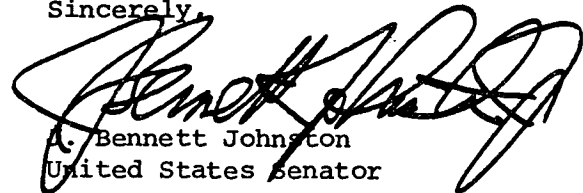
I regret very much not being with the delegation today because of prior commitments in Louisiana. But I do want to send along my best wishes and congratulations to the newest members of the American family, the peoples of the Northern Marianas.

Over the past few years, I have gotten to know and respect the Northern Marianas citizens, and I couldn't be happier that you are finally becoming members of the American political family. I am sure that you will be second to none in patriotism and achievement.

It is altogether fitting and proper that America should be welcoming a new and diverse people into her ranks during this bicentennial year; for it is America more than any other country in the world that has demonstrated that diversity is a strength to build on rather than a defect to be overcome.

Again, let me express my heartfelt best wishes on this most joyous of occasions.

Sincerely,



A. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senator

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