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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO ERWIN D. CANHAM, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER PASS TO STATUS LNO FOR ERWIN D. CANHAM, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

DEAR MR. RESIDENT COMMISSIONER:

THE PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED HIS ACCEPTANCE OF MY LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MICRO-NESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND I WISH TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO PERSONALLY INFORM YOU OF THIS ACTION AND IN TURN ASK YOU IF YOU WOULD KINDLY MAKE MY DECISION KNOWN TO MY FRIENDS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS. AS I LOOK BACK ON THE GREAT HONOR THAT WAS BESTOWED ON ME TO REPRESENT MY COUNTRY AND THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE AND LEADERS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF THEIR GOAL OF POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES I SHALL ALSO REMEMBER THE VITAL ROLE YOU PLAYED IN BRINGING FIRST, SELF-DETERMINATION AND NOW THE INSTITUPAGE OS

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TIONS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS. YOUR GREAT CHARACTER, PERSONAL INTEGRITY, EXECUTIVE ABILITY AND TIRELESS EFFORT HAVE AND WILL MAKE A MARK ON THE

HISTORY OF THOSE BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER TOO THE WARM HOSPITABILITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS. THEY SHALL FOREVER HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY MIND AND HEART. THEY AND THEIR LEADERS HAVE BEEN WONDERFULLY KIND AND GENEROUS TO ME AND IN THE FUTURE I SHALL FOLLOW WITH GREAT INTEREST AND PRIDE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF OUR GREAT NATION AS FELLOW AMERICAN CITIZENS. MY REGARDS TO SUE.

SINCERELY YOURS, HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS

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