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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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1. BEGIN TEXT--THE 24TH OF MARCH IS A DATE WHICH WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. IT MARKS THE DAY THAT THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH COVENANT WAS, IN 1976, FORMALLY AND FINALLY APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. TODAY MARKS THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THAT HISTORIC OCCASION. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND ESPECIALLY THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU OUR VERY BEST WISHES. OVER THE PAST YEAR YOU HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN SELF-GOVERNMENT INCLUDING DRAFTING AND APPROVING YOUR OWN CONSTITUTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AND YOUR LEADERS IN BRINGING ABOUT FULL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR HISTORY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN

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WE WILL ALL BE FELLOW CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT NATION. OUR

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