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Honorable Bert Lance
Director, Office of Management
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Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Lance:

This is in reply to your request of May 6, 1977 to the Department of Defense for review and comment on the Constitution of the future Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas which was transmitted to the President by the Secretary of the Interior on 21 April 1977.

The Department of Defense has reviewed the Constitution as requested and interposes no objection to it.

Sincerely,

Deanne C. Siemer