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Dear Howard:

Thank you for sending me a copy of "The Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands." I have skimmed it but you may be sure that I will be reading it carefully and with great interest as soon as I have a bit more time. Certainly, no one is in a better position than you to write on this subject.

I look back on the long hours, days, weeks and years of negotiations and the Congressional approval struggle which followed, with fondness, and I continue to have a particularly warm place in my heart for the people of the Northern Marianas. As they approach full self-government, I hope they realize the great debt they owe you for the patience, manner and skill with which you have served their best interests.

The inauguration of the first Governor will indeed be an historic and happy occasion and I wish that I could be present for the ceremonies--but my thoughts will be full of warm and good wishes for the Governor-elect, his Administration and for the first Congress under the new Constitution.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Haydn Williams