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My dear Mr. Secretary:

The President by Executive Order 10408 of November 10, 1952 directed that the administration of Saipan and Tinian in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands be transferred from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Navy on January 1, 1953. The Secretary of the Navy accordingly has taken the necessary steps to provide an administrative organization equipped to take over the responsibilities outlined in the Executive Order.

An activity known as the U.S. Naval Administration Unit Saipan District has been established with the commanding officer designated as the Naval Administrator of the unit.

It is understood that the District Administrator of the Saipan District under the administration of the Secretary of Interior had been given consular powers for purposes of issuing immigrant and non-immigrant visas in connection with the enforcement of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, (McCarran Act) Public Law 414, 82nd Congress.

In view of the change in administration as directed by Executive Order 10408, it is requested that the Naval Administrator, U.S. Naval Administration Unit Saipan District be granted consular authority similar to the previous District Administrator. Commander Robert D. Lew, Jr., USNR has been ordered as the Naval Administrator and his name accordingly is submitted in nomination for such appointment as is appropriate.

Your assistance in the implementation of this request will be appreciated in order that the inhabitants of the Saipan District may continue to enjoy the visa privileges afforded under the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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