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The President
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My dear President Eisenhower:

I have already written Secretary McKay saying that I wish to serve as High Commissioner only so long as the President, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Office of Territories wish me to serve. It is proper now that I repeat that statement to you, Mr. President.

As I address our new President, one memory stands out. You have probably forgotten it because it was a momentary incident in the midst of great honors when you were feeling for the first time the spirit of the American people and their love for you. In 1945 I had the honor, as I told you then, to present to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House in joint session a future President of the United States. Now you are experiencing that spirit again, for no one who has come to the Presidency was received by the people with greater faith in his success and with finer promise of universal support than you have.

I pray that your administration not only will be successful but also satisfying to you and to the American people.

Very sincerely and
respectfully yours,

Elbert D. Thomas