



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

FEB 3 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR BRIG. GEN. A. J. GOODPASTER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President from Governor  
Joseph Flores of Guam

In reply to your memorandum of January 23, 1961, the Department recommends that the President reply personally to the telegram sent to him by the Governor of Guam.

A suggested telegraphic reply for consideration by the President is enclosed, and the telegram from the Governor of Guam is returned. If the reply is approved, it is suggested that the White House transmit the message directly to Governor Flores.

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Walter J. Stessel, Jr.  
Director  
Executive Secretariat

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram from Governor Flores.

*Sent by White House 2/8*  
*Orig. to Mrs. Luce*

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PEOPLE OF GUAM JOIN ME IN PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE  
THROUGHOUT YOUR TERM OF OFFICE AS CHIEF OF THIS GREAT REPUBLIC  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GOVERNOR JOSEPH FLORES.

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OF THE ORIGINAL.

SUGGESTED REPLY

The Honorable  
Joseph Flores,  
Governor of Guam,  
Agana.

I wish to express to you and to the people of Guam my appreciation for your prayers that God may guide me as I undertake the duties of President of the United States. It is good to know that I have the support of the people of the territory of Guam, one of the most important links in the chain of free-world defenses in the Pacific area.

John F. Kennedy