

June 14, 1962

Dear Jose:

I have been asked to thank you for your letter of June 1st to the President conveying to him the cordial invitation of High Commissioner Goding and the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to attend the ceremonies which will be held on July 4th on the Island of Saipan establishing Micronesia as the first provisional capital of the Trust Territory.

The President is deeply grateful to all of you for asking him to be present for these important ceremonies but must express his regrets to you in that he is committed to address the Governors' Conference in Philadelphia on the 4th of July. He will be glad to send a message, though, as you have suggested, and this, together with a glossy print photograph, will come to you as soon as possible.

With the best wishes of the President to you, the High Commissioner and all those in whose behalf you wrote, I am

Sincerely,

Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President

Honorable Jose A. Benites  
Deputy High Commissioner  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
Agana, Guam

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