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July 3, 1962

Honorable M. Wilfred Goding  
High Commissioner of the Trust  
Territory of the Pacific Islands  
Saipan, Mariana Islands

I take great pleasure in extending to you and to the people of the  
Trust Territory my greetings and good wishes on the occasion  
of the establishment of the temporary capital of the Trust Territory  
of the Pacific on the Island of Saipan.

This Administration has reviewed with sympathy and concern the  
desires of the people for a capital within their islands and for  
more social and economic growth of the territory. I pledge to  
them the continuing support of this Administration in bringing these  
desires to realization.

While I regret that I am unable to be with you on this occasion, I  
hope that I may at some later time have the opportunity to visit  
the Trust Territory and to meet with its people.

With warm best wishes,

John F. Kennedy

THIS FILE TO MR. HOLBORN SINCE MESSAGE  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mr. Frederick L. Holborn  
Special Assistant in the White  
House Office  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holborn:

As requested, there is enclosed a draft reply to the letter sent to the President by the Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory in connection with the July 4 celebration in Saipan on the establishment of the temporary capital of the Trust Territory there.

We have also enclosed a proposed message which the President may wish to send to the High Commissioner on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

J. N. Faber  
Assistant to the Secretary  
and Director of Information

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DRAFT

Dear Jose:

The President has asked me to express his regrets that he will be unable to accept the invitation to attend the July 4 celebration of the establishment in Saipan of the temporary capital of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

There is enclosed a message which the President extends on this occasion to the High Commissioner and to the people of the Trust Territory.

Sincerely,

P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Jose A. Benitez  
Deputy High Commissioner of the  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
Saipan, Mariana Islands

*Handwritten note:* Mr. Benitez will not be attending July 4

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Dear Mr. Goding:

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While I regret that I am unable to be with you on this occasion, I hope that I may at some later time have the opportunity to visit the Trust Territory and to meet with its people.

Sincerely,

Hon. M. Wilfred Goding  
High Commissioner of the Trust  
Territory of the Pacific Islands  
Saipan, Mariana Islands

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST PROVISIONAL CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA -  
SAIPAN, MARIANAS DISTRICT, JULY 4, 1962

June 20, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. James Faber  
Director of Information  
Department of Interior

I am taking the liberty of referring the attached request to your office for advice and guidance in preparing a Presidential reply. I would appreciate receiving a draft reply as soon as possible.

Thanks very much for your assistance.

Frederick L. Holborn  
Special Assistant in the  
White House Office

Attachment

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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 Coding 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. Benitez  
Deputy High Commissioner  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
Agana, Guam

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