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Dear Mr. Sablan:

I have before me your letter of January 28, 1966, transmitting a copy of Resolution No. 10-3-66 of the Eighteenth Saipan Legislature "Respectfully requesting and memorializing the High Commissioner to use his good offices to permit Trust Territory citizens to freely enlist in the armed forces of the United States," and I want personally to extend to you the grateful acknowledgment of the American people for the beliefs and intentions held by the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as evidenced by the words of the Resolution.

While you state that it would be an honor for the people of the Mariana Islands District to join the free world in stopping Communist expansion by being allowed to join the Armed Forces of the United States, you may be assured it is we who would be honored to have your help in the days ahead. Unfortunately, the state of the law seems to be such that the enlistment of Trust Territory citizens generally in the Armed Forces of the United States is probably not possible at this time. However, a detailed study of the matter has been commenced.

Thank you again for the welcome expression of understanding and most generous offer of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lee C. White
Special Counsel to the President

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The Honorable Jesus D. Sablan
Acting Speaker
Eighteenth Saipan Legislature
Saipan, Mariana Islands

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