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The President some time ago asked me to thank you for your letter expressing your concern about the Trust Territory and enclosing the clipping from the Guam newspaper. I apologize for my delay in answering your letter, but I wanted to give it the attention it warrants and the press of immediate business made an earlier reply difficult.

I believe that the record of this Administration fully reflects the deep interest of the President and the Congress in the Trust Territory. During the past Your years, we have doubled appropriations from \$15 million in 1964 to \$30 million in FY 1968. In the same period, elementary and high school enrollment has been increased from 18,000 to 23,000 pupils, while the number of college scholarships has gone from 196 to 300.

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As you know, the damages inflicted by Typhoon Jean in April were a serious economic and psychological blow to the people of the Marianas and the Truk district. Subsequently, however, the President allocated more than \$8.5 million for typhoon relief, most of which will go to the Marianas and to Saipan. In April, the President personally directed the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make available an additional \$4 million for the purchase of Guam home mortgages By the FNMA.

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I am also sure that you know that the Department of the Interior has actively supported proposed legislation which would authorize the election of the Governor of the Trust Territory.

This record demonstrates, I believe, that although our job in the Trust Territory is far from complete, it may fairly be said that the Johnson Administration has made unprecedented major efforts to assist in the economic, social and political development of the Trust Territory. That development will continue to be our goal.

Nevertheless, if some of the political leaders and citizens of Saipan choose to seek tangible assistance from Japan, we certainly wish them well. It is our understanding from press reports, however, that their quest has so far met with only limited success.

Sincerely,

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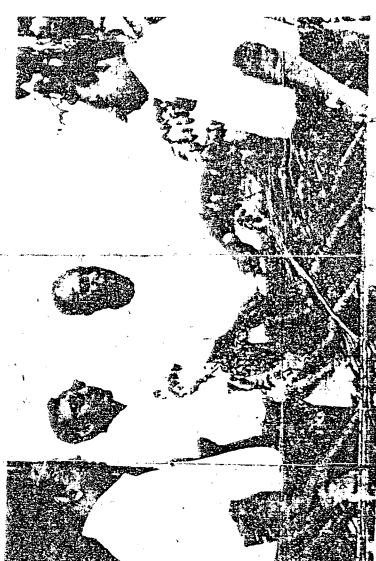
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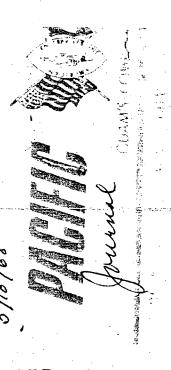
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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As an American citizen and a popularly elected representative of Guam, a part of Micronesia, I have been concerned over the growing feeling on the part of the people of the Trust Territory that they have been somewhat neglected with respect to their economic, social and political development.

Incidents such as the one described in the enclosure can be a subject of embarrassment to us -- the United States.

As of this writing, there is little chance that this manifestation of discontent will spread to Guam, although there will surely be some degree of sympathetic sentiment among Guamanians; and it would be a mistake to take this for granted as an insignificant fact.

I am hopeful that you, Mr. President, and Members of Congress recognize this problem and take immediate necessary action to meet it to the mutual interest of these people and the United States.

Respectfully yours,

Antonio B. Won Pat

Enclosure