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*Invitation  
Visit President  
Nixon's Japan*

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Recent articles in the national press have called to my attention your decision to visit Japan sometime in the near future as a guest of the Japanese people and their government.

As the Congressional Delegate to Congress from the territory of Guam, America's most distant soil in the Western Pacific, I am pleased to know of your impending trip to our part of the globe. Needless to say, because of Guam's geographic location, we are strong advocates of friendship with our neighbors in the Pacific and fully endorse your efforts to further cement America's ties with our allies in that area.

Although I appreciate that you have yet to make definitive commitments as to the actual time of such a trip to the Orient, I would now like to extend a heartfelt invitation for you to consider making a stopover on Guam at that time. Because of our relative isolation, 6,500 miles from California, your fellow Americans on Guam have little opportunity to see our President. From past experiences of your predecessors, I can assure you that the 132,000 residents of our Island would give you an unprecedented welcome you will long cherish and remember.

Prior to his 1972 trip to mainland China, I had the pleasure of arranging former President Nixon's trip to Guam. As you may know, his reception on Guam was one of the warmest he received from any American audience during his term in office.

Through peace and through war, we Americans on Guam are proud of our role in this country's history. We have served in America's military with unequalled distinction and serve today to ensure that America's defense in the Western Pacific will remain strong.

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By your presence on the Island, for however brief a time your schedule may permit, you would help to reassure the future well-being of the territory. For such action, I would be eternally grateful and believe you would be rewarded with enduring friendship of the people of Guam.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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