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September 25 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: W. R. SMYER 

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply From the President to Guam's Delegate in the House of Representatives, Congressman Antonio B. Won Pat

Attached at Tab I is a draft memorandum from you to the President attaching a draft letter from the President to Guam's delegate in the House of Representatives, Congressman Antonio B. Won Pat. Congressman Won Pat recently wrote the President inviting him to visit Guam in the course of the President's coming visit to Japan.

In this instance, I believe that it would be quite useful if the President were to reply directly to Congressman Won Pat's invitation. We will shortly be undertaking negotiations with Guam looking toward a revision of our basic relationship with them, a negotiation they have proposed and we have accepted in order to bring the U.S. -Guam relationship into line with the relationships we have been negotiating with the northern Marianas and with the other five districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The President's draft reply has been coordinated with Paul Theis' office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the draft memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT: Proposed Reply From the President
To Guam's Delegate in the House of
Representatives, Congressman
Antonio B. Won Pat

At Tab A is a reply from you to Guam's delegate in the House of Representatives, Congressman Antonio B. Won Pat, responding to his invitation for you to visit Guam on the way to Japan. (TAB C)

Your reply thanks Congressman Won Pat for his invitation, but expresses your regret that your schedule will not permit a visit to Guam during this trip. It does, however, express a hope of your being able to visit Guam during some future trip in the area.

I believe that in this instance it would be useful for you to respond directly to Congressman Won Pat's invitation. We will shortly be undertaking negotiations looking toward some revision of our basic relationship with Guam. They have proposed this in order to bring their relationship more into line with the revised relationships we have been negotiating with the northern Marianas and with the other five districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Your letter to the Congressman would help create a favorable mood for these talks.

Your reply has been coordinated with Paul Theis' office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Congressman Won Pat at Tab A.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Won Pat:

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1974, inviting me to visit Guam during the course of my coming trip to Japan.

I want you to know that I appreciate deeply your invitation to visit Guam. The United States values highly the relationship that exists between Guam and the United States, and the loyalty that you and your fellow Guamanians have historically shown to the United States.

Unfortunately, the pressure of my schedule will not permit me to visit Guam during this trip, as much as I would like to do so. But I will keep your gracious invitation in mind, and I hope that I shall be able to include Guam in my travel plans at a future date.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
Antonio B. Won Pat
House of Representatives
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Invitation
Visit President Ford

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

August 20, 1974

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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.

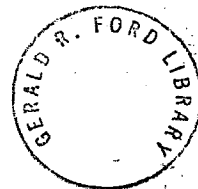
As the Congressional Delegate to Congress from the territory of Guam, America's most distant soil in the Western Pacific, I am pleased to know of your impending trip to our part of the globe. Needless to say, because of Guam's geographic location, we are strong advocates of friendship with our neighbors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



ANTONIO B. WON PAT
Member of Congress

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