

Re: Plebiscite on 4-4-75

OFFICE OF THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER

Mariana Islands District
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The Honorable Stanley K. Hathaway
Secretary of the Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

With this letter I am gratified to certify the results of the plebiscite held in the Northern Mariana Islands on June 17, 1975 to determine whether the people of these islands, pursuant to their right of self-determination, wish to become a Commonwealth of the United States in accordance with the terms of the Covenant signed on February 15, 1975.

I hereby certify that 5,005 qualified and registered voters cast valid ballots. Of these 3,945 voted in favor of the Covenant and 1,060 voted against. Thus 78.8% of the valid ballots favored the Covenant.

The final figures are increased by six (6) voters over the earlier unofficial totals because a re-examination of the Rota ballots indicated that four (4) previously held to be invalid were in fact valid, and two (2) additional absentee ballots were cast in the Northern Islands.

You will note that, including some invalid ballots, about 95% of the registered voters actually cast ballots in this free election.

Respectfully,



Erwin D. Canham
Plebiscite Commissioner

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