

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

July 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation to Mr. Erwin D. Canham, the Administrator of the June 17 Northern Marianas Plebiscite

Mr. Erwin D. Canham, your personal representative administering the June 17 plebiscite in the Northern Mariana Islands, has written you formally reporting on the results of his mission.

Mr. Canham reports that 91 percent of eligible voters registered for the plebiscite and that 92.9 percent of these cast valid ballots. As you know, 78.8 percent (3,939) voted in favor of the Covenant of Commonwealth. Mr. Canham reports that the campaigning was lively but orderly and that a very good spirit prevailed.

We have prepared a reply expressing your appreciation to Mr. Canham for a job well done.

The text of the letter has been cleared with Paul Theis' office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.