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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
 INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 23, 1975

*PM July 24*

*re hearing July 24 (Marianas)*

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The President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

*ME*

My dear Mr. President:

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Thank you for your letter of July 19, 1975, concerning the proposed Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant negotiated with the people of the Northern Marianas Islands.

As you know, I have closely followed the progress of negotiations toward permanent status for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs is holding a hearing on the resolution on July 24, and it is my intention to assign the greatest priority to committee and Senate consideration of this matter.

I appreciate having an expression of your personal interest in the Covenant.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Jackson  
 Chairman

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