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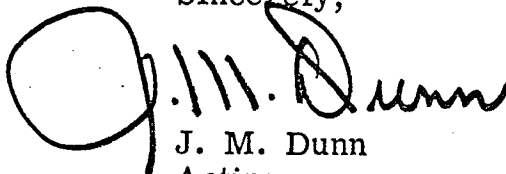
Dear Mr. Barrett:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of November 17, which transmitted Resolution No. 193, requesting concurrence by the United States Senate in the covenant negotiated by the US and the Northern Mariana Islands. We appreciate the expression of support by the Guam Legislature for the approval of this important covenant.

As you know, the Administration initiated this legislation. The House of Representatives passed a Resolution, H.J.Res. 549, on July 21 in support of the covenant. That legislation has been considered and reported by the Senate Interior Committee, and on October 22, 1975 was rereferred jointly to the Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees. We are hopeful that favorable action will be taken by the Senate in early 1976.

Every good wish.

Sincerely,



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