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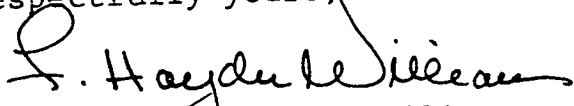
Dear Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for the interest you have taken in the Northern Mariana Islands and for your strong and timely personal support for the legislation now pending in the Senate which if passed will mean the first new territory to come under the American flag in the Pacific since the acquisition of Guam in 1898.

Your letters to members of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees and your telephone call to Senator Stennis made a great deal of difference and were, I am sure, largely responsible for the favorable outcome of the vote in both of these important Committees.

The leaders and people of the Marianas, including Guam, are aware of your concern and the help which you have given them. I write merely to add my personal appreciation.

Respectfully yours,



Ambassador F. Haydn Williams

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