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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Honorable James T. Lynn
Director,
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This is in response to Mr. James M. Frey's March 12, 1976 request for the Department's views and recommendations on enrolled bill H.J. Resolution 549, to approve the "Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America", and for other purposes.

The Department has testified in favor of this legislation and strongly approves of this enactment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. McCloskey".

Robert J. McCloskey
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations