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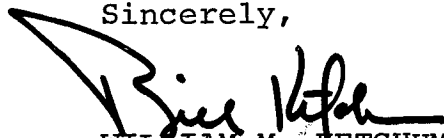
President Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am most happy that you are today bringing to a successful conclusion many years of effort in signing the Northern Marianas Compact. I do not believe the American people could receive a better Bicentennial birthday present.

My congratulations to Ambassador Hadyn Williams for his excellent job and to my California colleague, Mr. Phil Burton, for his skill in moving it through the legislative hurdles. Nothing would have made me happier than to participate in the ceremonies today. Regretfully, circumstances demand that I absent myself. I am truly sorry.

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM M. KETCHUM  
Member of Congress



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