

March 24, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

3:00 p. m.

Signing of H. J. Res. 549 - Marianas Covenant.

The East Room

(Standing behind the President)

Representative Joe Skubitz

Senator Bennett Johnston

Representative Don Clausen

Senator Ted Stevens

Senator Hiram Fong

Representative Phil Burton

Representative Spark Matsunaga

Representative Shirley Pettis

F. Haydn Williams, Ambassador

Senator Paul Fannin

Senator Howard Baker

Vincente Santos, President of the Marianas District Legislature

* Edward D. L. G. Pangelinan, Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission
(Presented wood carving to the President)

Howard Willens, Former Consul to the Marianas

Representative James Haley

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*FYI - met the President in the Oval Office last March, per scenario.

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John Roberts from the Press Office witnessed the ceremony. He advised that.....

Vicente Santos, carried the plaque to the President after Pangelinan read it, and he (Roberts) suggested that the gifts (plaque and carving) are from both gentlemen and a thank-you should go to each.

Proper form of address for both gentlemen checked out with State & Interior and is attached.

The Honorable
Edward D. L. G. Pangelinan
Chairman
Marianas Political Status Commission
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

The Honorable
Vicente N. Santos
President of the Mariana Islands
District Legislature
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950



Source: Libby Denham at State (she, in turn, checked with Offide of Micronesian Status Negotiations at Interior, Phone: 343-9143).

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