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April 14, 1976

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

M/E

Dear Mr. President:

It was most thoughtful of you to invite Nancy and me to represent you at the ceremony establishing the Commonwealth of the Marianas Islands. I would certainly be honored to accept this invitation; however, it comes during the recess of the Congress and I have accepted about twenty speaking engagements during the recess.

In these speeches I expect to tell the audiences what a fine job you are doing as President.

Thank you, again, for inviting us and with kindest regards and best wishes,

Respectfully,

Strom Thurmond

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April 16, 1976

Dear Strom:

Thank you for your April 14 letter to the President expressing regrets that you and Nancy are unable to attend the ceremony establishing the Commonwealth of the Marianas Islands.

I know the President will appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing, and particularly your comments about the speeches you will be giving during the recess.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Strom ^x Thurmond
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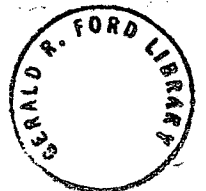
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