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Dear Mr. Pangelinan:

It was a special pleasure to welcome you to the White House for the signing of the Joint Resolution of the Congress approving the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Covenant. As I said on that occasion, this covenant reaffirms our commitment to the principles of self-determination, and it honors the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of these islands for the political union with the United States. The beautiful carving which you and the Honorable Vicente Santos presented will serve as a permanent remembrance of a very important moment in our Nation's history.

With warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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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 Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations at Interior, Phone: 343-9143).

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JUNE 20, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands my personal greetings and to convey to them my pleasure with the results of the plebiscite held on June 17, 1975. I have been informed that a substantial majority has voted in favor of the Commonwealth Covenant in free and open balloting observed by the United Nations and preceded by a fair and impartial education program. I wish personally to congratulate and commend all of those who were responsible for the conduct of the plebiscite, including the Plebiscite Commissioner and his staff, the Voter Registration Board and the Plebiscite Advisory Committee.

The people of the Northern Marianas have now spoken. The next step will be consideration of the Covenant by the Congress of the United States. I intend to submit without delay the Covenant to the Congress with my strong endorsement for its early favorable action. It is my earnest hope that we may look forward to further steps in the near future which will move the people of the Northern Mariana Islands still closer to the long-desired ultimate goal of political union with the United States. I know the American people join with me in sending to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands our warmest regards.

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Alphabetized

Marianas Delegation

- 1 Stand Edward DLG. Pangelinan (Chairman, Marianas Political Status Commission) DOB: October 24, 1941
- 2 Stand Pedro Tenorio (Senator, Congress of Micronesia) DOB: August 8, 1941
- 4 Manuel A. Sablan, DOB: December 27, 1944
- 2 Stand Vicente N. Santos (President, Mariana Islands District Legislature) DOB: December 2, 1933
- 3 Olympio T. Borja (Senator, Congress of Micronesia) DOB: July 26, 1930
- Antonio C. Atalig, DOB: December 31, 1923
- Misael Ogo, DOB: January 14, 1940
- Felipe C. Mendiola, DOB: August 16, 1911 *Fought all the way*
- Vicente D. Sablan, DOB: January 23, 1924
- 5 Joaquin I. Pangelinan, DOB: June 21, 1942
- Francisco C. Ada, DOB: September 26, 1934
- Lorenzo I. Guerrero, DOB: January 25, 1935
- 6 Daniel T. Muna, DOB: January 8, 1937
- Santiago B. Magofna, DOB: March 28, 1932
- Ricardo Duenas, DOB: September 15, 1940
- Francisco Diaz, DOB: October 8, 1936
- Juan Cabrera, DOB: May 2, 1934
- Manuel D. Muna, DOB: December 24, 1936
- William Nabors (Legal Counsel for Mariana Islands District Legislature) DOB: June 28, 1933
- 7 Howard P. Willens (Legal Counsel for Marianas Political Status Commission) DOB: May 27, 1931
- Michael Helfer (Legal Counsel for Marianas Political Status Commission) DOB: August 2, 1945
- Jay Lapin (Legal Counsel for Marianas Political Status Commission) DOB: July 15, 1945
- James R. Leonard (Consultant for Marianas Political Status Commission) DOB: January 5, 1933
- James White (Executive Director, Marianas Political Status Commission) DOB: July 3, 1933

~~James White~~
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations

- Ambassador F. Haydn Williams + wife
- Mary Vance Trent
- Adrian de Graffenried
- David Schiele
- Stephen Loftus
- Richard Wyttenbach
- Roger Crump
- Keith Caplinger
- Marianne Long
- Colleen Greer

Secretary
Doris Treak

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