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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1976

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of all the people of the United States of America I acknowledge the expression of appreciation and gratitude of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands contained in the Fourth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature Resolution No. 102-1976.

It was my privilege and honor to sign into law the bill establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States. Occurring in our Bicentennial year, the recognition and acceptance by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands of the American system of government represents a high compliment to the American people. We look forward to a lasting and mutually beneficial union.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

The Honorable Vicente N. Santos
Speaker
Fourth Northern Mariana
Islands Legislature
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION
June 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *WAF for*

SUBJECT: Proposed Letter of Reply to the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature

The Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, Vicente N. Santos, has written you a letter (Tab B) transmitting to you a Resolution of the Legislature expressing sincere appreciation and gratitude to you for acting favorably on the Northern Marianas Covenant.

I believe it would be appropriate for you personally to acknowledge the gesture by the Northern Marianas Legislature. At Tab A is a proposed reply for your signature.

Douglas Smith, of Robert Hartmann's office, has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the proposed reply to the Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature at Tab A.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

June 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

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FROM: THOMAS J. BARNES

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Letter of Reply to Northern Mariana Islands Legislature

The Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, Vicente N. Santos, has written the President a letter (Tab B) conveying the Legislature's Resolution No. 102-1976 of April 27, 1976. The letter and the Resolution express appreciation and gratitude to the President for acting favorably on the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations has proposed a draft reply (Tab A) for the President's signature. We concur in OMSN's recommendation (Tab C) that the President personally acknowledge the Resolution.

Douglas Smith, of Robert Hartmann's office, has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to the President forwarding the letter for his signature.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 7, 1976

TO: BOB ORBIN

FROM: JAY TAYLOR

The proposed Presidential reply to the Speaker
of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature,
Vicente N. Santos, is forwarded for your clearance.

Please call 3044 when cleared.

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OFFICE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

June 3, 1976

Memorandum

To: The Staff, National Security Council

From: Director, Office for Micronesian Status
Negotiations

Subject: Proposed Draft Reply for Signature of
The President

Herewith is a proposed reply to the attached letter to the President from the Speaker of the Fourth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, dated May 11, 1976.

This Office recommends that the President sign a letter along lines indicated.



Mary Vance Trent

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Ronald Coleman
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Interior

SUBJECT: Letter from Vicente N. Santos re Speaker of
Legislative of Mariana Expresses Thanks to Pres
for favorable action on Covenant

The attached correspondence was forwarded to
the Department of State for:

- Draft reply
 Direct reply with comeback copy
 Appropriate handling

We have reviewed the correspondence and believe
that action on this matter more appropriately rests
with your agency.

Office of the
Executive Secretary

cc: The White House



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6/7/76
4:33 pm
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The Hon. Vicente N. Santos
Speaker
Fourth Northern Mariana
Islands Legislature
P.O. Box 929
Susupe
Saipan, Mariana Islands, 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of all the people of the United States of America I acknowledge the expression of appreciation and gratitude of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands contained in the Fourth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature Resolution No. 102-1976.

It was my privilege and honor to sign into law the bill establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States. Occurring

~~this~~, our Bicentennial year, ~~there could be no more~~ appropriate gift to the American people than the recognition and acceptance by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands of the enduring and viable American system of government ^{represented a high compliment to the American people} by the people. ~~The United States~~

we

looks forward to a lasting and mutually beneficial union.

Sincerely, ~~yours,~~

*OK as edited
6/9/76*



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

Date: May 21, 1976
NSC log # 7602906

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Pres
From: Vicente N. Santos
Date: May 11, 1976
Subject: Re Speaker of Legislative of Mariana Expresses Thanks
to Pres for favorable action on Covenant

ACTION REQUESTED:

Draft reply for: President's Signature
 White House Staff
 Other _____
 Direct reply Furnish info copy
 Dispatch Translation
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 Other Information

DUE DATE: May 30, 1976

COMMENTS:



Helene Davis
for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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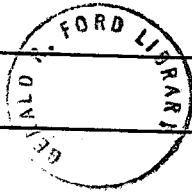
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/17/76

TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT

For Your Information: _____

For Appropriate Handling: XX



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/17/76

TO: STEVE McCONAHEY

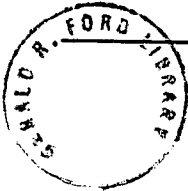
For Your Information: XX

For Appropriate Handling: _____

Original has been sent to

Brent Scowcroft.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE
P. O. BOX 929
SUSUPE, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

EXECUTIVE
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May 11, 1976

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
of America
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of all the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the members of the Legislature, I wish to present to you Resolution No. 102-1976, a resolution expressing sincere appreciation and gratitude to you for acting favorably on the Covenant to establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, adopted by the Membership April 27, 1976.

We would like to reiterate our deepest and sincere appreciation and gratitude to the people of the United States of America through the President and their elected Representatives for the privilege of being allowed to become a part of the American political family.

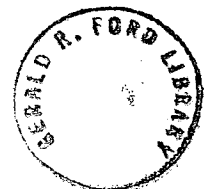
Our Warmest "Si Yuus Maase", thank you.

Sincerely,


Vicente N. Santos
Speaker

Attachment: Copy of Res. No. 102-1976.

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FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE

EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 102-1976



FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE

EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 102-1976
INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR ACTING FAVORABLY ON THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WHEREAS, subsequent to the conclusion of negotiations between representatives of the government of the United States and the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, the signed agreement reached during the negotiation

-- A Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America -- was transmitted to the Congress of the United States by President Gerald R. Ford and urged speedy action by the Congress in reviewing and approving the Covenant; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1975, the United States House of Representatives after extensive hearings and ample opportunity for all concerned to make known their views relative to the Covenant to Establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, passed by unanimous consent and without any objection House Joint Resolution 549; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Interior Committee, as well as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee held extensive hearings on the proposed Covenant to Establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and again giving full opportunity for all those individuals, groups and other interested persons to make known their views relative to the proposed Covenant; and

WHEREAS, after extensive hearings and full debate, the Senate, on February 24, 1976, passed House Joint Resolution 549 that authorized the establishment of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, minor amendments to House Joint Resolution 549 were concurred on by the United States House of Representatives on March 11, 1976; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 1976, President Gerald R. Ford, in a ceremony held at the White House, signed House Joint Resolution 549 which became P.L. 94-241, established the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America; and

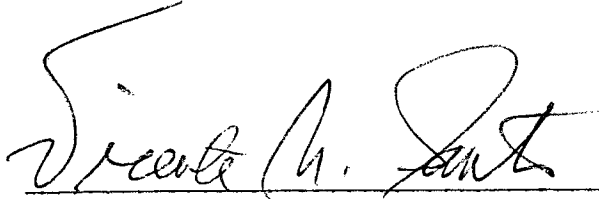
WHEREAS, this final act culminates more than a quarter of a century of requests by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to become a part of the American political family; and


WHEREAS, on for and on behalf of all the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, we, the elected leaders, wish to go on record of expressing our deep and sincere appreciation and gratitude to the people of the United States of America through the President and their elected representatives for the privilege of being allowed to become a part of the American political family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, Eighth Regular Session, 1976, that sincere appreciation and gratitude of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands be and hereby are expressed to the people of the United States of America for the approval of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the President of the United States, President Gerald R. Ford, Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller, Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate, Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Phillip Burton, Chairman, Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs, United States House of Representatives; Henry A. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, John Sparkman, Chairman Foreign Relations; John C. Stennis, Chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services and Ambassador Franklin Hadyn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for the Micronesian Status Negotiations.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE APRIL 27, 1976.


VICENTE N. SANTOS
Speaker


SANTIAGO B. MAGOFNA
Legislative Secretary

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INITIAL ACTION

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SUBJECT: *Speaker of the Legislature of Massachusetts Expresses
 Views to Pres for favorable action on Covenant
 Establishing a commonwealth*

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DUE DATE: *5/20*

COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

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<i>5/21</i>		<i>STATE</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>Draft reply for per sig</i>	<i>(5/30)</i>	
<i>5/26</i>		<i>INTERIOR</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>Draft Plans for STATE</i>		
<i>6/3</i>				<i>Recd Interior draft</i>		
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<i>10/28</i>		<i>Pres</i>		<i>Sign ltr to Santos</i>		

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