

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity and the honor of having served as your Personal Representative for the Future Political Status Negotiations with the Northern Marianas and with the other districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

As you know the talks with the Northern Marianas have been successfully concluded and these islands are now well on their way to becoming the newest member of the American family. Progress in reaching agreement with the Carolines and the Marshalls has been slower, but progress nevertheless has been made and the remaining issues have been greatly narrowed. I am hopeful that their early resolution will then allow the people of Micronesia to choose in a free and open plebiscite their future political status upon the termination of the Trusteeship.

I wish in many ways that I could see the negotiations through to their completion and to assist in seeing the agreement through the Congress as well but as General Scowcroft knows, I have for some time now, been hoping to be relieved of my Micronesian responsibilities in order to give my full attention to The Asia Foundation. With your permission, I would therefore, like to tender my resignation to take effect on July 31, 1976.

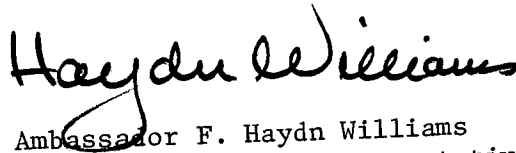
Finally, I would like to express to you my deepest appreciation for the interest you have taken in my work and for the support you have always given me. It has been a great honor for me to have served

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as your Personal Representative - a privilege which
I shall always cherish.

With my warmest best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hayden Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ambassador F. Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
for Micronesian Status Negotiations

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