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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
THROUGH: RICHARD B. CHENEY  
FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT *DPB*  
SUBJECT: Letter of Resignation.

Attached for your signature is a letter accepting the resignation of Franklin Haydn Williams as your Personal Representative for Future Political Status Negotiations with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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To Press Officer, Thym Smith: 7/21/76



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*Given to Linda for  
Action*

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