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Dear Haydn:

Thank you for your letter of July 8. It is with deep regret that I accept your resignation as my Personal Representative for Future Political Status Negotiations with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, effective July 31, 1976, as you requested.

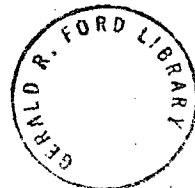
In doing so, I welcome this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for your more than five years of dedicated service to our Nation. Throughout your time as my Personal Representative, the outstanding human and professional qualities which you have displayed have won you the admiration and respect of all with whom you have worked. Your successful negotiation with the Northern Marianas of the Commonwealth Covenant brought about an historic achievement in self-determination. Furthermore, I understand that you have already made considerable progress in negotiations with the other districts of the Trust Territory.

Although I regret that it will not be possible for you to see through the negotiations to their conclusion, I recognize your desire to be able to give full attention to your duties as President of the Asia Foundation. You may be sure that you take with you my very best wishes for every success and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



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cc: Amelia Leukhardt sent 7/22
65C resign - Personal Rep. Future Political Status Negotiations
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Info to Press Office, Thym Smith: 7/21/76
OK to send ltr. but per Press Office 7/22/76 - They may not announce - Dec. cannot find
Copy to his office, Dept of Interior, Rm 3356: 7/22/76

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