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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. President:

The people of the Northern Mariana Islands are deeply grateful to you for your declaration of a major disaster area here following Typhoon Pamela and Typhoon Therese. Already, aid administered by the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration has been of tremendous benefit to hard-hit people. We look forward to the eventual restoration of public facilities.

The people of the Northern Mariana Islands are the newest prospective citizens of the United States and hence, poignantly appreciate the long protective arm of the Federal Government. May I add how deeply impressed as an executive I have been by the swift, skillful and competent functioning of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration and Mr. Robert C. Stevens, the Director of Region IX. Their work could not have been more helpful and carefully governed by established precedent policies. We are most grateful to you for this timely and beneficent support.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Erwin D. Canham
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Resident Commissioner



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