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Mr. Gerald R. Ford  
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Dear Mr. President:

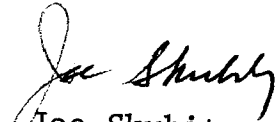
With the announcement of Ambassador Haydn Williams' resignation as your Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, we minority members of the Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs, U. S. House of Representatives, wish to commend him for distinguished national service. Over the years, our contact with the Ambassador has been frequent and cordial. His patience and explicitness in clarifying the ramifications involved in creating America's newest territory, the Northern Mariana Islands, were instrumental in achieving unanimous House approval of the Commonwealth Covenant.


A tribute to Ambassador Williams' foresight, the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations was created in order to reconcile the diverse interests of Federal agencies concerned in the maturation of American democracy in the Western Pacific. This focal point of executive intercommunications rapidly became renown for its competency, instituting an affable rapport with the U.N. Trusteeship Council as well as the U. S. Congress. Often, we in the Interior Committee have attested to the Ambassador's administrative ability as a model of efficiency in the conduct of U. S. territorial affairs. All Americans, especially the people of the Northern Marianas, will be everlastingly grateful to the perseverance of Ambassador Williams in promoting their welfare.

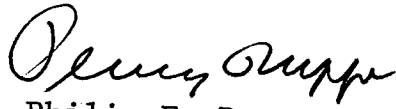
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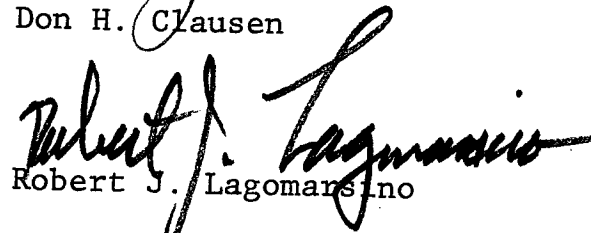
Accordingly, it is with pride that we recognize the achievements of a dedicated public servant. Ambassador Williams' commitment to the principles of self-determination exemplifies the noblest traditions of our Great Republic.


Sincerely,

  
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