

August 13, 1976

Dear Phil:

I was pleased to receive the August 10 letter from you and the other minority members of the Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs, and to learn that you share my esteem for Ambassador Hayden Williams and his conduct of the Micronesian Status Negotiations.

He handled this assignment with distinction, and the creation of the territory of the Northern Mariana Islands will stand as a monument to his dedication and achievement.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

**JERRY FORD**

The Honorable Philip E. Ruppe  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w<sup>L3</sup>inc to General Scowcroft for appropriate handling  
GRF:MLF:JEB:VO:kir

60 Re Amb. Hayden Williams' handling of  
Micronesian Status Negotiations