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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL NSC# 6614
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

(Correspondence Referral)

Date: January 3, 1977

TO: ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *WJD*

REFERENCE:

To: President Ford Date: December 16, 1976

From: Pedro M. Atalig

Subject:

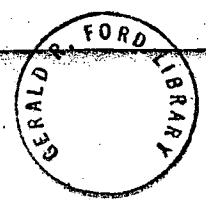
Forwarded a copy of the resolution adopted by the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention on December 6, 1976 entitled "A Resolution Requesting the United States Government to Approve Expeditiously the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands"

Comment: Mariana Islands"

A draft reply is attached at Tab A. The incoming letter is attached at Tab B.

Attachments

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Dear Mr. Atalig:

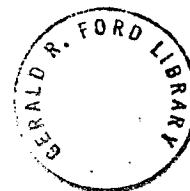
The President has asked me to acknowledge receipt of the resolution adopted by the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention on December 6, 1976 entitled "A Resolution Requesting the United States Government to Approve Expediently the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

Be assured that the resolution will be called to the attention of appropriate officers without delay.

Sincerely,

Roland Elliott

Mr. Pedro M. Atalig
Convention Secretary
Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950



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NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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December 16, 1976

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
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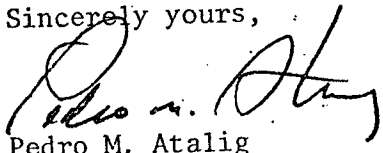
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Delegates to the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention, I am pleased to forward a copy of a resolution entitled: "A Resolution Requesting the United States Government to Approve Expeditiously the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

This resolution was adopted by the Convention on December 6, 1976.

Sincerely yours,



Pedro M. Atalig
Convention Secretary

Enclosure

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
of the
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Government to Approve Expeditiously the
Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WHEREAS, the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention has adopted
a Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and, by
the President of the Convention, has transmitted the Constitution to the
Resident Commissioner for submission to the people;

WHEREAS, within the next three months the people will vote on whether
to approve the Constitution;

WHEREAS, upon approval by the people the Constitution will be placed
before the United States government for its consideration;

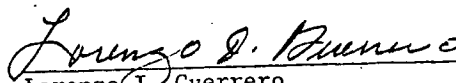
WHEREAS, the Constitution reflects the political aspirations of the
people of the Northern Mariana Islands as expressed by their elected
representatives sitting in Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands urgently desire
to attain constitutional government in political union with the United
States of America at the earliest possible moment;

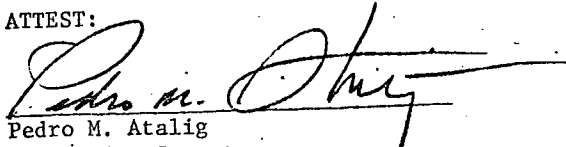
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Marianas Constitutional
Convention request the United States government to accord prompt
consideration to approval of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands following its approval by the people; and

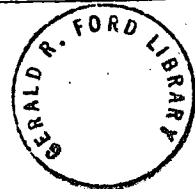
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Convention be
requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of the
United States.

ADOPTED: December 6, 1976


Lorenzo I. Guerrero
Convention President

ATTEST:


Pedro M. Atalig
Convention Secretary



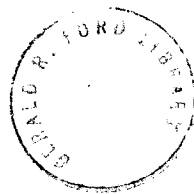
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 3, 1977

To - Jeanne W. Davis

From - William Gleysteen *WJ*

For your signature.



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