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Honorable W. Graham Clayor Secretary of the Navy Department of the Navy The Pentagon Building Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On August 29, 1978, the Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, requested that the Department of the Navy amend its regulations to permit enlistment in the Navy and Marine Corps by citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands. This matter is of great importance to our young people and I strongly urge the Department of the Navy to make the necessary amendments at the earliest possible date. My original request, a copy of which is enclosed, to the Secretary of Defense concerning this matter was made on March 23, 1978.

During the course of the past year, I have received numerous requests for assistance from our young people and I am convinced that service in the United States Armed Forces is a greatly desired priviledge among our young people.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely yours, DLE

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