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Honorable John M. Murphy  
Chairman  
Committee on Merchant Marine  
and Fisheries  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to follow up on Under Secretary Joseph's letter of January 22, 1980, concerning the Northern Marianas fisheries.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of Presidential Proclamation 4726, as it appeared in the February 26, 1980, issue of the Federal Register. This proclamation suspends until the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement those vessel documentation laws that prevent the citizens of the Northern Marianas from using foreign-built fishing vessels in the fisheries around their islands.

Your continued interest in the Northern Mariana Islands is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Acting Assistant Secretary  
Territorial and International Affairs

Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey Farrow