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Dear Mr. Stockman:

On December 8, 1983, the President signed Public Law 98-213. Sections 19 and 20 of that law authorize the President, subject to certain limitations, to provide by proclamation that requirements of United States citizenship or nationality provided for in any of the statutes listed on pages 63-64 of the Interim Report of this Commission dated January 1982 shall not be applicable to citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands. (The Commission's Interim Report was submitted to Congress pursuant to section 504 of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, Public Law 94-241, 90 Stat. 263, 48 U.S.C. § 1681 note.)

Enclosed herewith are seven (7) copies of a proposed Presidential proclamation based on the recommendations contained in the Commission's Interim Report, but modified to take into account changes in the law not reflected in that report, including sections 17 and 18 of Public Law 98-213.

Also enclosed are a copy of the Commission's January 1982 Interim Report and an explanation of the differences between the listing of statutes at pages 63-74 of that report and the listing in the proposed proclamation. (Short descriptions of each of the statutes listed at pages 63-74 of the report are found at pages 7-41 of the report.)

Approval of the proposed proclamation should eliminate the necessity for repeated ad hoc treatment of the status of citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands for purposes of citizenship requirements in federal statutes in the future.

Sincerely,


James A. Joseph

Enclosures: Proposed proclamation (7 copies)
Interim Report
Explanation