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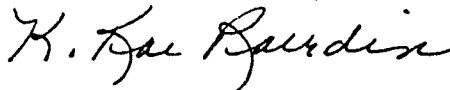
Dear Mr. Atalig:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the controversy over the issuance of U.S. passports to the citizens of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

I have forwarded a copy of your comments to the appropriate officials at the Department of Interior for their review and direct reply.

Thank you for sharing your resolution with the Administration. If I can be of assistance in the future on this or other matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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