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Dear Congressman Lagomarsino:

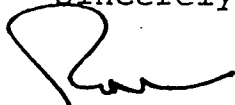
This is in response to your December 19, 1985 letter to Don Fortier. I apologize for this long delay.

I want to thank you for providing us with a copy of the study of "U.S. Underrepresentation in the New Pacific." It has been incorporated, along with other materials, into a major inter-agency study on trends in Oceania and the Pacific Island nations. The purpose of the study is to come up with some recommendations to improve our policy in the region. We are looking at the adequacy of our diplomatic representation, as well as our regional aid program, our fishery policy, anti-nuclear sentiments, Soviet influence and activities. We hope to complete this study some time this summer.

As you know, we are pleased with the recent activities regarding the Compacts for Free Association for Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia. The success of these Compacts is attributable to the hard work of many like yourself in Congress and in the Administration. We have many new tasks (challenges) in front of us. One of which, of course, will be how to provide the best possible programs and representation to the region during this period of budgetary restraint.

Thank you again for the study. We appreciate any other thoughts you might have which would contribute to our larger examination. We will advise you of the results of our research upon its completion.

Sincerely,



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to the President
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of Legislative Affairs

Bob: As we discussed at GOP Leadership this morning, we really appreciate your efforts - not just on this subject
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