Dear Congressman:

Thank you for your letter of April 26 to the President regarding the Covenant for the political union between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States.

We appreciate being advised of your interest in this matter. In an effort to be of assistance, we have forwarded your letter to the appropriate Administration officials for their careful review. You will receive a more detailed response in the near future.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Alan M. Kranowitz Assistant to the President

The Honorable Ron de Lugo House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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