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Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio
Governor
Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana *Islands*
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Tenorio:

As you know, on May 13, 1988, I announced the designation of Becky Norton Dunlop, the Deputy Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior, to be Special Representative to the Northern Mariana Islands - United States Negotiations.

Inasmuch as she will be visiting the Northern Mariana Islands later this month, I want to let you know of our support for these opportunities to resolve difficulties we identify. Together we can better our relationship and improve upon it.

Mrs. Dunlop has my full confidence and will faithfully represent the U.S. Government in these discussions. I'm certain, Governor Tenorio, that whatever issue may arise can be dealt with in an open and fair manner. I know that both you and I want to assure that the blessings of liberty, justice under law, and the inherent rights of each individual as guaranteed by the United States Constitution are available to each and every citizen of the United States.

You may be assured that the mutual friendship and respect our citizens have for one another will continue to be the underlying foundation for this upcoming meeting and the future discussions in which Mrs. Dunlop will participate.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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