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SUBJECT: Special Representative to the Northern Mariana Islands-U.S. Negotiations

Attached for your signature is a letter to Pedro Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, informing him of your designation of Becky Norton Dunlop, Deputy Under Secretary of the Interior, as the President's Special Representative to the talks between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. to identify and resolve issues that need to be addressed. Governor Tenorio has requested this letter.

Also attached for your signature is a letter to Mrs. Dunlop designating her as your Special Representative to these negotiations. You announced Mrs. Dunlop's appointment on May 13, 1988. She is leaving for the Northern Mariana Islands on August 25, 1988.

Secretary Hodel concurs in these actions.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Becky Norton Dunlop Deputy Under Secretary Department of the Interior 18th and C Streets, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

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Sincerely,

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

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August 9, 1988

MHonorable Pedro P. Tenorio Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands Saipan, MP 96950

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This was brought up to us by Bonnie in Nancy Risque's office.

Could you please look into/take care of it. (Katja thinks it has already been done.)

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WASHINGTON

August 9, 1988

Memorandum

TO:

Donald Faul Hodel FROM:

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SUBJECT: 902 Representation

The Governor of the CNMI has expressed a strong desire to receive a letter from President Reagan notifying him of the designation of his new 902 Representative.

As a courtesy, and to officially close the loop on this, I would appreciate the attached two letters being sent out over the President's signature.

Should you need further information or detail on this, please feel free to contact Becky or Jan McCoy, Acting Assistant Secretary for Territories and International Affairs.

Many thanks.

Becky Norton Dunlop, Deputy Under Secretary cc: Janet McCoy, Acting Assistant Secretary, TIA

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CNMI wants to start 902 talks

CNS - The CNMI government has requested that the resumption of the Covenant negotiations with the U.S. government start on Saipan so that the new U.S. representative could see first hand some of the problems being experienced in the CNMI.

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Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio suggested that the meeting with the new U.S. representative, Becky N. Dunlop, who is the Deputy Under Secretary of the Interior, be held sometime this month to settle some of the long-standing controversics such as the tax-exempt status of CNMI bond issues and citizenship matters.

The negotiations were stalled since April of last year with the resignation of former Assistant Secretary of Interior Richard T. Montoya and the CNMI government has been waiting for the appointment of a replacement.

being able to continue with the Section 902 consultations is feit not only by myself but our citizens," Tenorio stated in his July 7 letter to Dunlop. "A lawsuit recently has been filed in the U.S. District Court secking a court order requiring that our prospective representatives meet and continue with the negotiations. I hope that the fact this case is pending will not delay any meetings between our representatives but rather by meeting at the carliest possible time to set an agenda may make the lawsuit moot and the Commonwealth, as a defendant, could move to have the case dismissed."

The Governor said he hopes the meeting resumes promptly in order for the consultation process to fulfill the good faith promise of the Covenant.

The CNMI was made aware of Dunlop's appointment from a press release issued by the Department of Interior earlier this year. The Governor said he has received a letter from Dunlop July 1 notifying him of her pending appointment from the White House, but that neither he nor the Lieutenant Governor have received an official appointment letter from the U.S. government



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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WASHINGTON

April 4, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT Donald Paul Hodel

From:

Appointment of a Special Representative to meet Subject: with a representative of the Northern Mariana Islands to consider issues affecting the relationship of such Islands and the United States

The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, approved in 1976 and fully effective as of November 4, 1986, provides in section 902 for your appointment of a special representative. That representative is to meet with the special representative appointed by the Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands to consider issues affecting the relationship between the two governments. The issues to be considered may be designated by either government.

Until his resignation, your special representative for this purpose was the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Territorial and International Affairs, Richard T. Montoya. At the time of his departure several issues designated by each government under section 902 of the Covenant, had been discussed but were unresolved. I recommend that you appoint Becky Norton Dunlop as your special representative for purposes of section 902 of the Covenant. Mrs. Dunlop who is the Deputy Under Secretary of the Interior works on the policy and budget issues of the Department of the Interior including the territories and the Northern Marianas.

Additionally, she serves on numerous interdepartmental task forces dealing with a broad range of domestic, economic and foreign policy issues thus bringing a strong background for dealing with the issues under discussion with the Northern Marianas.

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Per Jeanine Chase, PPO, the President signed this memo on April 14, 1988.

This designation was announced on 5/13/88 (copy attached). The original, which was dated 4/14/88 and obtained from PPO on 6/22788. Was mailed to Becky Norton Dunlp on 6/23788.

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The President has designated Becky Norton Dunlop, Deputy Under Secretary of the Interior, as Special Representative to Meet and to Consider in Good Faith Such Issues Affecting the Relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States. She would succeed Richard Thomas Montoya.

Since 1987, Mrs. Dunlop has been Deputy Under Secretary at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, she was Special Assistant to the Attorney General for Cabinet Affairs at the Department of Justice, 1985–1987. She worked at the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel at the White House, 1983–1985; Special Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs, 1982–1983; and Deputy Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel, 1981–1982.

Mrs. Dunlop graduated from Miami University, Ohio (B.A., 1973). She was born October 2, 1951 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is married and resides in Arlington, Virginia.

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