

THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES and

THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE GOVERNOR OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

January 11, 1989

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States of America The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Special Representative of the President of the United States and the Special Representatives of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, appointed pursuant to Section 902 of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America are pleased to jointly urge that certain recommendations of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws be enacted into law. The Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws was established pursuant to Section 501 of the Covenant. The recommendations which we propose be enacted into law are set forth in detail in Welcoming America's Newest Commonwealth: The Second Interim Report of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws (1985). The specific recommendations of the Commission that we propose be enacted into law are as follows:

Residency requirement for naturalization of citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands who become nationals of the United States on termination of the trusteeship (at page 71 of the above-referenced Commission report);

Nominations to the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy (at page 73 of the report);

Fishery trade officers; Department of Commerce (at page 101);

Postal prohibitions on lottery materials (at page 131);

The Higher Education Act (at page 138);
Medicaid (at page 160); and
Government depository libraries (at page 188).

Each of these recommendations of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws is, in our opinion, non-controversial and each, if enacted, would be beneficial to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Our recommendation to you is without prejudice to whether other recommendations of the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws not already addressed in legislation should also be enacted into law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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