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Honorable Becky Norton Dunlop
Special Representative of the
President of the United States
c/o Department of the Interior
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Dear Mrs. Dunlop:

According to your request, we have reviewed the letter, dated January 11, 1989, addressed to President Reagan, by which the Special Representatives of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and you would urge the enactment of seven non-controversial recommendations of the Northern Mariana Islands Federal Laws Commission.

We agree with your conclusion that they are non-controversial and would benefit the Commonwealth. No adverse effect for the Federal government can be foreseen; any monetary cost would be so small and uncertain as to be incalculable.

We, therefore, see no reason why you should withhold your signature. Indeed, signing the letter may have a positive effect on the relations between the Federal government and the newest member of the American political family, and therefore, would be laudatory.

Sincerely,

Janet J. McCoy
Assistant Secretary
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