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Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
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Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

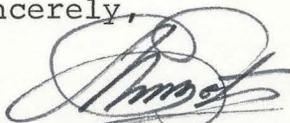
The oversight and investigative trip of the Pacific Affairs Subcommittee through Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Territory of Guam is now history. In our very comprehensive swing through the western Pacific, we were well-received, saw firsthand the many problems, some complimentary and most negative to the U.S. administration and Congress for the failure to exercise their oversight responsibility over the years. We have formed some opinions regarding solutions to these problems which we will elaborate upon in our report to the Committee in the near future.

While I would have desired your personal participation in the Subcommittee's field trip, I do appreciate your delegating your responsibilities to Bob Reveles. Bob was a tremendous asset to our group as he plunged into the spirit of the inspection trip, asking questions, soliciting comments from island officials and adding much credibility to the mission with his long years of experience in the Congress and as a personal representative of your good office. He worked cooperatively with Representative Austin Murphy and me, as well as with other Committee staffers -- Tom Dunmire, Eni Hunkin and Bob Funesti.

Bob's political acumen came into play on Guam, and I appreciated the boost he gave me in your behalf at our congressional reception in which he invoked the feeling of the genuine interest and support you have always shown toward the territories of the Pacific. For this, I am especially grateful.

Let me again express my appreciation of the support you have given me as I strive to make the Pacific Affairs Subcommittee a strong advocate for the developing territories of the Pacific. As we say in my own vernacular, "Si Yusse Masse, Mr. Chairman."

Sincerely,



A. B. Won Pat, Chairman
Subcommittee on Pacific Affairs