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The Honorable Carl T. C. Gutierrez
Governor of Guam
P.O. Box 2950
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Dear Governor Gutierrez:

I appreciate your concern over the potential impact of the Department of the Navy's 1995 Base Realignment and Closure recommendations regarding naval activities on Guam and the potential that misinterpretation of the flexibility encompassed by our recommendations has on reuse.

First, let me assure you that it is not our intention to hinder in any way the economic revitalization of Guam by restricting the community reuse of former naval property and assets. The Secretary of the Navy, John Dalton, has made a personal commitment to support the President's "Five Part Community Reinvestment Program" to create new jobs in affected areas. During his testimony before the BRAC commission, the Secretary committed the Department to do everything it can to help revitalize the communities we are leaving.

It is our objective to convey, through long-term leases, outright transfers, or any other mutually agreeable arrangement, as much of the land area and facilities as possible from the affected activities on Guam so as to stimulate local economic growth while, at the same time, providing us with the strategic flexibility to maintain the necessary operational access to Guam port facilities. We will work with the Government of Guam or its agents to minimize any restrictions to possible agreements. In the context of our recommendation, we do not believe that continued access requires absolute ownership and absolute control of support facilities. Accordingly, a decision to retain facilities (or not) is contingent on the effectiveness of community recommendations relating to reuse and access arrangements. In short, we look forward to working with you to develop a sound, economically stimulating, and mutually acceptable reuse plan. This process can be a win-win process for both the Navy and the local economy.

You also asked about the future presence of the submarine tender currently stationed in Guam. As you are aware, the Navy often changes its homeporting plans due to force level changes and changing mission requirements. Therefore, while I cannot state with absoluteness that the current submarine tender will remain in Guam throughout the Five Year Defense Plan, the Navy's long range plan does include the retention of an afloat repair ship in Guam.

I hope this addresses your concerns. We are interested in working with Guam to preserve options for the Navy in the event of future military contingencies, but we are also concerned with assisting Guam in providing for its own economic revitalization after the closures and realignments are complete. If you have any further questions, please contact me. I have provided similar responses to Congressman Underwood and Speaker Parkinson.

Sincerely,



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To: Leland Bettis, Guam Comm. on Self-Determination

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Memo: Leland,

Attached is a copy of the Pirie letter from 1995. I sent a copy to Larry Toves and Sen. San Agustin. I think this is the letter to which Larry was referring. I have no letters from Pirie from Sept. 1995.

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Leland - I am sending you one copy of what Jim
Beane sent us, and one copy of it marked by what I
think the Governor wanted when I read it to him. I don't
know if Jim will accept these revisions, or any others you might
have. Why don't you & the Governor confer; advise me - but we
should probably move fairly quickly.

Love you
MaryE

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Dear Governor Gutierrez:

I appreciate receiving the critique by the Commission on Self-Determination on the Administration's position on the provisions of H.R. 100 so promptly, especially in light of the difficulties caused by Typhoon Paka.

As I mentioned during our meeting in Guam, I am concerned that over the past several years both Guam and the Administration have become locked into positions that do not admit of resolution. That inability has resulted in lost opportunities to address many of the concerns which you and others have expressed with the present federal-territorial relationship. One exception is the issue of the transfer of federal surplus lands. While we do not have a final resolution on that issue yet, we have been able to make some progress.

In order to move the process of enacting legislation that will improve the present relationship along, I would like to propose that I introduce new legislation that will address the issues presented in Guam Commonwealth Act and the concerns raised by the Administration, but perhaps in a manner different from that proposed in either H.R. 100 or S. 1373. That approach may enable both the Administration and Guam to engage in more fruitful discussions than those that have occurred in the past. If you think that approach would be helpful, I would appreciate it if you could make your local counsel available to meet with my Committee staff and others to draft new legislation. I would not consider that assistance to in any manner circumscribe your position on any provisions in that legislation.

Again, I appreciate the time that you and other members of the Commission spent in preparing the analysis of the Administration's position.

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or "the federal government" or "the United States government"
or . . .