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Dear Mr. Schregardus:

This is my official "comment" on the Programmatic Agreement for the Guam military buildup. Guam is only 212 square miles in size. Its population is already about 170,000. With the buildup added to the normal 3 percent increase per year, the pressures on Guam's historical heritage make it imperative that all of us involved with Guam's future, take the utmost precautions to save and preserve that heritage.

Our history has only been scratched. We are discovering new aspects every year and our local social science and history teachers have to study what our archeologists and anthropologists discover to keep abreast of their fields.

Therefore, my strong position is that one overarching programmatic agreement for the entire scope of the buildup is foolhardy and short-sighted. We need separate agreements for each project to avoid disastrous and irretrievable mistakes. If our local officials, experts, and administrators need additional resources to conduct the required analysis and review of each agreement for each project in a timely manner, I will do my best to ensure that such resources are provided, either by the federal government or from local sources.

Please be on the right side of this issue. Please do not decide anything that will bring discredit to you and your legacy. Please remember that the United States Government is in a trustee relationship with Guam under the United Nations system since our own national government has declared to the United Nations that Guam is non-self-governing and under the trusteeship of the United States.

Senseramente,

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