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The Honorable Robert O. Work
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The Honorable Jackalyne Phannensteil
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Dear Under Secretary Work and Assistant Secretary Phannensteil:

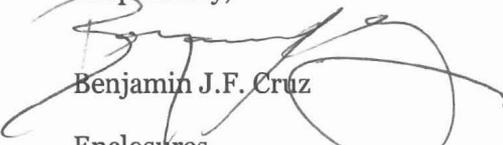
Thank you for your visit with members of the Guam Legislature on Jan. 20. I appreciate the dialogue we had with regard to matters concerning the Marine Relocation and particularly the Navy's preferred use of the areas along our sacred lands in Pãgat for a firing range. However, there are many unresolved issues following your visit.

If you recall from our discussions, I made the comment that I have sent numerous correspondences to various members of the Obama Administration relaying my concerns on a myriad of issues related to the military buildup, yet in many instances, these concerns have fallen on deaf ears –either through vague responses, or no responses at all. As I had stated, I don't get the impression that you hear what we are saying and respond to our comments. I have enclosed for your review copies of examples of letters I have sent to various officials from the Department of Defense, and the Obama Administration.

Secondly, in your statements, Mr. Under Secretary, you had indicated "moving forward on billions of dollars worth of construction projects that we cannot do until the (Programmatic Agreement) is signed." I would like some clarification on what "billions of dollars in projects" entails because in the Fiscal Year 2011 Defense Appropriation, only \$567 million has been authorized for Guam construction projects. However, the only real commitment made, thus far, for buildup-specific projects was for \$50 million from the Department of Defense to the Port of Guam and a small planning grant to the Office of the Governor from the Office of Economic Adjustment.

Lastly, I remain hopeful that after this discussion about Guam's need for responsiveness from officials at the federal level, you would take this letter to heart and finally address the myriad issues I have raised in regards to the impending military build up to your Department and the Administration. Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Respectfully,


Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Enclosures