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The Honorable Frank F. Blas, Jr.
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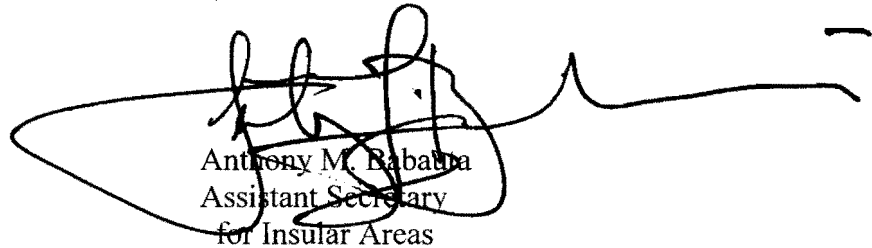
Dear Senator Blas:

Secretary Salazar has received your letter of March 24, 2011, which was received here on April 4, 2011 and passed to me for response. I apologize for the delay.

During the 111th Congress, the Administration, including the Department of the Interior and myself, as Assistant Secretary of Interior for Insular Areas, fully supported the passage of the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, H.R. 44. I testified in full support of the bill before the House Committee on Armed Services on December 2, 2009.

I look forward to working with Congresswoman Bordallo and others on legislation that the Administration can once again strongly support to provide compensation for the people on Guam who suffered during World War II.

Sincerely,



Anthony M. Babatna
Assistant Secretary
for Insular Areas