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December 11, 2007

Mr. Frank Vitrano  
Chief, Decennial Management Division  
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Economics and Statistics Administration  
U. S. Census Bureau  
Washington, DC 20233-0001

Dear Mr. Vitrano:

We acknowledged receipt of your letter dated November 12 on the proposed questionnaire for the 2010 Census of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the other Pacific Islands Areas with thanks.

Our Central Statistics Division, upon a careful review and analysis of the foregoing proposed questionnaires deemed to agree that they are all in order and subject recommendations are well considered as to the present condition of the island areas.

With this, we look forward also <sup>to</sup> working with you on the development of the 2010 Census of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and hopefully will result to a meaningful and successful one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Santos".

James A. Santos  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce

Cc: Director, Central Statistics Division  
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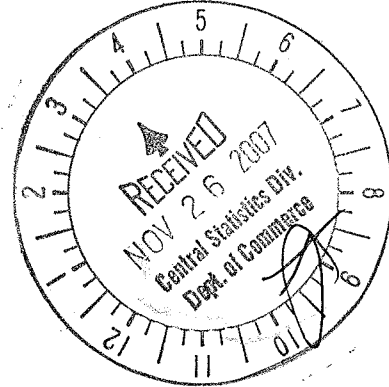
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Mr. James A. Santos  
Secretary, Department of Commerce  
Donni Hill Building  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950



Dear Mr. Santos:

We are enclosing the proposed questionnaire for the 2010 Census of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the other Pacific Island Areas. As discussed in our May 2006 and March 2007 meetings with your staff, our goal is to develop a questionnaire that will provide data to meet the requirements of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the other Pacific Island Areas during the next decade. We developed the proposed questionnaire based on the Census 2000 questionnaire, subject recommendations we received from the Pacific Island Areas, and current research by staff in our Population and Housing and Household Economic Statistics divisions.

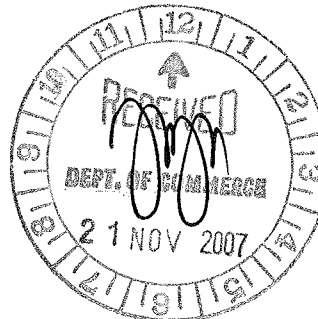
Please have your staff review the enclosed document and submit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' written comments to us by January 15, 2008. Once we finalize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands questionnaire, we will send it to Governor Fitial for final concurrence. We will submit the questionnaire to Congress for clearance in March 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Idabelle B. Hovland or Ms. Julia Buckley-Ess of the Decennial Management Division. Ms. Hovland can be reached by e-mail at [idabelle.b.hovland@census.gov](mailto:idabelle.b.hovland@census.gov), by telephone on (301) 763-8443, or by FAX on (301) 763-3763. Ms. Buckley-Ess can be reached at [julia.buckley.ess@census.gov](mailto:julia.buckley.ess@census.gov) and by telephone on (301) 763-4033. We look forward to working with you on the development of the 2010 Census of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sincerely,

Frank Vitrano  
Chief, Decennial Management Division

Enclosure



Mr. Santos

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