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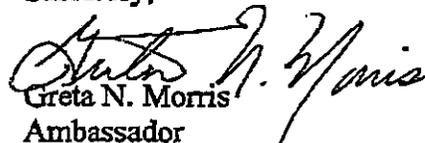
Dear Mr. Minister:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between our two governments regarding including in the final exchange of diplomatic notes by which our two governments will inform each other of the fulfillment of our respective requirements for entry into force of the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, the following provision:

"The provisions of Section 103(1)(3) of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, United States PL 108-188; subsection 5(2)(f) of the Compact of Free Association, As Amended Resolution of 2004, Nitijela Resolution No.2 (2004); and the Compact of Free Association, as Amended Implementation Act, 2004, Republic of the Marshall Islands PL 2004-1 shall apply with respect to payments made pursuant to section 4(d) of Article X of the 'Agreement Regarding the Military Use and Operating Rights of the Government of the United States in the Republic of the Marshall Islands Concluded Pursuant to Sections 321 and 323 of the Compact of Free Association, as Amended' (MUORA) through December 18, 2008, and thereafter for subsequent periods of five years, until such time as the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands certifies to the Government of the United States that the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands has obtained the use rights necessary to support the obligations of the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands under the MUORA."

If inclusion of the foregoing provision in the final exchange of diplomatic notes is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the present letter and your affirmative reply thereto shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, effective on the date of your reply.

Sincerely,

  
Greta N. Morris  
Ambassador

His Excellency

Gerald M. Zackios

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands  
Majuro, Marshall Islands



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March 23, 2004

Her Excellency Greta N. Morris  
Ambassador  
United States Embassy  
Majuro, MH 96960  
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Dear Ambassador Morris:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 23, 2004, which reads as follows:

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Sincerely,

Greta N. Morris"

I have the honor to inform you that my Government is in agreement with the foregoing.

  
Gerald M. Zackios  
Minister of Foreign Affairs