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Honorable George Bush  
The Vice President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Bush:

I am very thankful for your letter acknowledging my visit to your office. I know you are extremely busy, and I am grateful for your letter. Briefly, to acquaint you with me, former Governor William Quinn and I accompanied you and Mrs. Bush on the limousine from Honolulu International Airport to the Ilikai Hotel upon your return from the People's Republic of China and Japan.

The purpose of my visit to your office was to recommend a way of saving the government thousands of dollars by changing regulations that require all public meetings to be publicized in the Federal Register.

As Chairman of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council which has the responsibility of managing marine resources of the United States within 200 miles of the Hawaiian Island chain, American Samoa, Guam and other territories and possessions of the United States in the Pacific, I am required by law to publicize in the Federal Register every public meeting that the Council holds and every public meeting regarding the adoption of our management plans for the different marine resources. This notification in the Federal Register is a gross waste of federal expenditure because the public in general never gets to see the Federal Register. The Federal Register is mailed and delivered to thousands of governmental agencies and interested national groups, but the notice never reaches the man on the street in the locality where the meeting is held.

I do not advocate eliminating public announcements, but I would replace the notice in the Federal Register with a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the public meeting is to be held. This notice in the newspaper will definitely reach the man on the street and all interested groups. This method

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of notification is far more effective and extremely less costly to the government than having such notices prepared, published and distributed in the Federal Register.

We are not the only federal agency that is so burdened by this great cost; there must be many other departments or agencies that are required to do so. I, therefore, respectfully request your office to seriously consider eliminating this method of public notice and substitute it with a more effective and cheaper way by having said public meetings announced in a newspaper of general circulation within that geographical area.

Thank you for taking the time to drop me a note as well as reading this recommendation. I know you and President Reagan will do an outstanding job for the people of this nation.

Sincerely,



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Senate Minority Leader

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