

Statement of John A. Carver, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Public Land Management, before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, February 8, 1963. (Hearings on nomination of Manuel F. L. Guerrero to be Governor of Guam.)

While my experience in such matters is admittedly limited, I believe that this is a fairly unique occasion as confirmation hearings go. We have here today, for the purpose of introducing the President's nominee to be Governor of Guam, the man whom he will succeed in that office, the Senate willing.

Nearly two years ago, I had the great honor of participating in the inaugural ceremony which inducted the Honorable Bill Daniel into the office which he has held since that time. Governor Daniel immediately plunged into the task he had taken the oath to perform. Guam moved forward under his leadership. He set an admirable example of dedication and hard work. This is not the time to catalog his contributions, but it is wholly fitting that we acknowledge them and extend our thanks for a prodigious effort, carried on thousands of miles from sources of supply and expert assistance.

It is most fitting that Governor Daniel should be here to present Mr. Guerrero. No one is in a better position to evaluate the recent training this nominee has had for the office of Governor. During his entire incumbency, Governor Daniel was backed up by and in almost daily contact with Manuel F. L. Guerrero, Secretary of Guam, and second in command in the Territory's executive structure. He knows not only of his competence but also of his stature in the community which he aspires to lead.

It is my pleasure and a genuine honor to present the retiring Governor of Guam who requests the privilege of introducing the nominee.