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Rear Admiral John Menoni  
Commander, Joint Region Marianas  
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Dear Rear Admiral Menoni,

Hafa Adai! In these trying times for the whole world and for the people of Guam, food security has become at utmost concern. One way we can ameliorate this concern is support our local people in their indigenous pursuits for protein, including hunting and fishing. All throughout the island, we have a wild pig problem, and hunters throughout the island hunt pigs for sustenance for their families and communities. Media have previously reported on multitude of wild pigs on military property that also harm the environment. In the past, the military has partnered with off-island companies to cull the pig population on base.

While USDA regulations may not allow for the distribution of wild pig meat to the general public if slaughtered by the U.S. military or their contractors, the Joint Region has recognized that allowing local hunters access to military property to hunt for pigs for their own sustenance as an effective tool for the mitigation of effects feral pigs have on the environment.

According to the Joint Region Marianas 2012 Ungulate Management Plan, hunting is used extensively as an ungulate (like pigs) management tool worldwide and Joint Region recognizes in this document that hunting is a source of food for many on Guam.

Let us partner together to kill two birds with one stone. I humbly ask that you to allow local hunters the ability to hunt for wild pigs as soon as possible so they can feed their families and in doing so address the wild pig issue on military lands. We will work with the local Department of Agriculture to ensure proper licensing to conform with local law. This can be a win-win for the military and the people of Guam. Let us work together during these times to address food security. Put fabot.

Sincerely,

**Jose Pedro Terlaje**  
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