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The Honorable Edward DLG Pangelinan Chairman Marianas Political Status Commission P.O. Box 825 Saipan, Mariana Islands, 96950

Dear Senator Pangelinan:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th informing me that the Marianas Political Status Commission has now been duly organized and that you have been named Chairman with President Santos serving as Vice-Chairman. We were pleased with this information and we do look forward to working closely with you and with the other members of your delegation.

In response to our earlier letter and invitation from President Santos I had proposed a preliminary meeting during the last week of October in San Francisco. You are now suggesting that we meet in Hawaii immediately following the conclusion of the Sixth Round of Talks with the Joint Future Status Committee. This is agreeable with me. Moving the date forward will be much more convenient for you and Herman and hopefully, President Santos.

I am afraid that we are going to have to disappoint you and Herman since Frank Crawford has already informed Carl Heine that accomodations for wives at Barber's Point will not be available. Perhaps reservations can be made at a close by motel or even the Ala Moana in Honolulu, unless you feel that you both want to stay with the others. If there is anything we can do to help please call on us. It would be a pleasure to see both Mrs. Pangelinan and Mrs. Guerrero again and I hope that suitable arrangements can be made.

With best regards,

Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
For Micronesian Status Negotiations

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September 13, 1972

The Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
to the Micronesian Status Negotiations
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations
Room 3356
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ambassador Williams:

It is my priviledge, on behalf of the members of the Marianas Political Status Commission, to advise you that the Commission was duly organized on September 7, 1972. President Vicente N. Santos of the Mariana Islands District Legislature and I were selected Vice-Chairman and Chairman, respectively.

An official list of the membership of the Commission is attached for your information and reference.

The Commission has selected an interim committee consisting of Congressman Herman Q. Guerrero, President Ben Santos and I to meet with you on an informal basis to discuss matters of mutual interest relating to the Marianas issue in general as well as matters relating to our first formal negotiation. It is my hope to hold our informal meeting at your earliest convenience and, hopefully, sometimes after the conclusion of the next round of Micronesian Status Negotiation in Hawaii. I would appreciate it if you would give me your thoughts on this matter.

On a separate matter, I have been advised that the next status negotiation will be held at Barber's Point in Oahu. Mrs. Guerrero and Mrs. Pangelinan are hoping to accompany Congressman Guerrero and I to the status negotiation. I would like to inquire from you whether there are lodging accommodations available for wifes at Barber's Point.

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Kindly convey our Commission's regards and best wishes to the members of your delegation.

Sincerely yours,

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Edward DLG. Pangelinan Chairman

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cc: President Vicente N. Santos