MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION

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Dear Mr. Willens:

The Marianas Political Status Commission is charged by law with the important task of studying the several alternatives available regarding the future political status for the Mariana Islands District, presently a part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and negotiating with the United States Government, which administers the Trust Territory, toward this end. We anticipate a political future for the Marianas in close and permanent association with the United States.

In the course of our task, we will require considerable assistance in a number of areas. One of the most important of these is in the field of law. We are seeking an attorney knowledgeable and experienced in the field of constitutional law, with a good background in political science. Our preliminary inquiries indicate that your qualifications in these areas are high.

If you are interested in exploring the possibilities of being retained by the Commission, I would appreciate hearing from you. Please include your curriculum vitae as well as requirements for compensation. I will be conducting interviews in the United States in the near future, and look forward to meeting with you at that time, should you be interested.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward DLG. Pangelinan

Chairman

Marianas Political Status Commission