

II. Tactics

Given the unresolved legal questions discussed above, further research is necessary to determine whether Willens is required to register as an agent of a foreign principal. Separate from any requirement to register, Willens might simply decide to register as a tactical move to demonstrate the existing and sought-for autonomy of the Marianas and the Marianas Political Status Commission. The critical question here would be the burden imposed by registration versus the value of such a tactical declaration of independence.

III. Further Research.

There are at least four approaches we might pursue further at this point. First, as discussed earlier, we might contact people in the firm or others who have registered in the past to determine how burdensome the requirements are.

Second, we could broach the issue, directly or indirectly, with Mr. Chapman at the Interior Department.