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March 5, 1973

James E. White, Esq.
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Dear Jim:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article in the Times which suggests a variety of ways that islands in the Caribbean have responded to the growth of tourism.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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Mr. Edward DLG. Bancelinan
Chairman
Marianas Political Status Commission
P. O. Box 825
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Ed:

You might be interested to know that near the end of the session of Congress of Micronesia I was called by Mr. Wilson with respect to the progress of the resolution sponsored by Mr. Salii. He reported to me that the resolution had been enacted in the Senate over your opposition and he was concerned by what was likely to happen in the House of Representatives. He was apparently receiving reports from Miss Trent to the effect that you and/or Representative Guerrero were reconciled to passage of the resolution and were not planning any expression of opposition in the House. Mr. Wilson expressed to me his concern about the "political and psychological" effect of such a position of nonopposition by leaders of the Marianas. Our most recent report from Mr. Wilson's office is that the resolution was passed by the House, that there was opposition expressed by Representative Guerrero, and that the United States delegation does not believe that the resolution should alter in any way our plan to continue separate status negotiations with respect to the Marianas.

In regards to our future planning, I would like to express a strong personal preference for scheduling our next working session and formal negotiations in early May if possible. I have commitments here which definitely tie

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me down until the third week or so of April and I would like some brief period of time to arrange my other matters so that I could come out and spend the necessary time with you and the Commission in advance of the formal negotiations. I recognize that the Joint Committee is thinking of having its negotiations in May also and I am bringing this to your attention now so that you can use your good offices in trying to schedule the Joint Committee's meetings for late May or early June so as to permit the Marianas' negotiations to be scheduled for early May. I continue to believe that it would be desirable for the Marianas negotiations to go before the Joint Committee's meetings here in Washington.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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