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Mr. Don Oberdorfer  
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Dear Don:

I enjoyed very much reading your article last Sunday about Micronesia. I particularly appreciated the free publicity for our firm and the suggestion that any client of this firm is likely to drive a hard bargain. You are certainly right on that score.

As you can imagine, I was extremely pleased to obtain this client last fall after a battle of the resumes and extensive personal interviews. I think that the Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission finally recommended that I be hired because it was so clear that I was ready to take on the assignment for nothing if that were necessary. I went out to Saipan on about 24 hours' notice to participate in the first round of negotiations last December and we are now preparing for the second set of discussions.

If you are interested in pursuing this particular subject, I would love to make some arrangement to get together with you and/or have you meet the Chairman of the Commission. I am thinking of returning home through Tokyo after the next negotiations and hope that I can see you and Laura at that time.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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