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Dear Howard:

The latest indications are that the formal talks will take place the early part of May, consequently, the preliminaries will probably take place the middle of April. I intend to be in San Francisco the week of March 25th and will attempt to call you, after checking with Ambassador Williams to get the latest information on this subject.

Additionally, I would appreciate receiving the information in your area of the political status coming forward as soon as possible so that we might adequately have an opportunity to review it prior to your arrival.

I have not had an opportunity to read the article you sent, however, I am taking it with me on the plane and will comment on it over the phone.

Looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Chairman, Marianas Political
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