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

Dear Ed:

I am very sorry to hear that you were required to leave Washington hurriedly on Sunday because of an illness in your family. I hope that your trip back was uneventful and that everything works out for the best.

Jim Leonard and I have firmed up our plans for traveling to Saipan. We will leave Washington on Thursday, April 26, and plan to spend Friday in Honolulu meeting with the people we have discussed with you. We plan to fly to Guam and arrive in Saipan via Continental Airlines on Sunday Morning at 7:45 a.m.

Our work is progressing well and I look forward to meeting with you and the Commission on Monday, April 30.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

PS: In case you did not keep a copy, I am enclosing the discussion paper which Mr. Wilson spoke from during our meeting last week with Ambassador Williams.