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Dear Ed:

Enclosed for your information are copies of the statement delivered by Messrs. Manglona and Pangelinan on behalf of the Commission before the Trusteeship Council on June 12, 1973 and a memorandum which Jay and I wrote in order to assist them in preparing for their appearance. Although you will undoubtedly hear directly from Ben and Mitch about their appearance, it was my view that the statement was extremely well received and that Ben and Mitch made a very fine appearance. Approximately seven or eight questions were asked by various members of the Trusteeship Council, including several that we had anticipated, and I believe the Council was generally satisfied by the answers which they received. Jim Wilson and various other representatives of the United States, including the High Commissioner, went out of their way to compliment Ben and Mitch for their statement and responses to questions.

I am still trying hard to get accustomed to the practice of law in Washington after such a long and productive stay in Saipan. I am in the midst of preparing a memorandum for you which outlines the legal

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work which we hope to perform on the Commission's behalf during the next several months. I hope that this will be in the mail to you next week, and that we can begin undertaking these numerous assignments shortly thereafter.

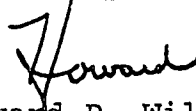
We met today with Jim Leonard and some of the planners that he intends to use in preparing to implement Phase I. As you will undoubtedly hear directly from Jim, he is anxious to develop on behalf of the Commission a detailed defense of the Commission's Phase I so that the joint working group here in Washington, if and when it ever meets, will have a substantial presentation by the Commission in support of our request for Phase I financing. Jim has requested our assistance in working out the details of the planning effort which relate to legal matters and I will probably be corresponding with Jim White on this subject within the next two weeks.

During my visit to the United Nations this week I took advantage of the opportunity to speak briefly with Adrian Winkel and his Republican counterpart Mr. Dunmire who turns out to be a very amicable fellow. Based on these conversations I am planning to have an informal meeting with the two of them, and perhaps some other interested staff people, to review the present state of our negotiations. I think it would be helpful to establish some informal relationship with the staff representatives and to keep them generally informed of the progress we are making, the issues which remain to be resolved and generally solicit their views as to how we can best cultivate an environment on the Hill which will help us to insure that the results of our negotiations will in fact be implemented by Congress. I will keep you informed of any such meeting.

I hope that your life has been somewhat more relaxed during the past few weeks and that your travel commitments during the summer will not be too onerous. Please let me know if you will be traveling to Washington during the next few months.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Howard P. Willens

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim White