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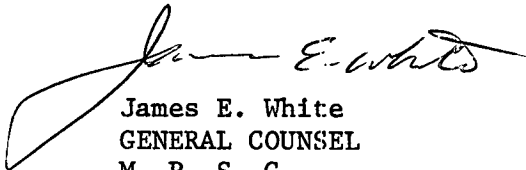
August 7, 1973

Mr. Howard P. Willens
Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering
Farragut Building
900 17th Street, N. W.
Washington D. C. 20006

Dear Howard:

Enclosed please find copies of our presentation cover letter and budget request for the upcoming Marianas District Legislature session. The outcome of same should be transmitted hopefully on my trip to Washington or before. I do intend to be in the Washington area the week starting August 27th and hopefully I will be able to make contact with you from New York verbally before I arrive there. If you hear of a good hotel there other than that undesirable flea bag I slept in last time I would appreciate an appropriate reservation starting the 27th, for that week. I do not know whether I will be in Washington that long, however we will see what develops. If there are any individuals that might be worthwhile for me to see please schedule some appointments for me during that period of time. If I have any late change in plans I will let you know.

Sincerely yours


James E. White
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MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 825

SAIPAN, M. I. 96950

August 6, 1973

The Honorable Vicente N. Santos
President
Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature
Second Regular Session, 1973
Saipan, Mariana Islands, 96950

Dear Mr. President:

Since the First Regular Session, 1973 of the Mariana Islands District Legislature, the Marianas Political Status Commission has progressed in its negotiations with Ambassador F. Haydn Williams and the United States Government in all major areas of endeavour, i.e. Political Status, Economics and Finance, and Lands and Military. It is my pleasure, on behalf of the members of the Commission to report to the District Legislature the activities and current state of affairs of the Commission.

On Monday, April 30, 1973 our Commission met in full session to accomplish an education and review program with the consultants prior to the official meetings with the United States Delegation which began in the middle part of May. After the first Plenary meeting with the United States Delegation both sides had concentrated informal discussions in the above mentioned three areas and as an outgrowth of these discussions Position Papers were presented by both sides, initially in the area of Political Status, next in the area of Economics and Finance and lastly in the area of Military and Land. Attached for your review are copies of each of the Position Papers presented at these sessions. Additionally for further clarification of the results of these individual Position Papers please review the enclosed Joint Press Releases establishing general areas of agreement between the parties.

Our position on Political Status, has to quite an extent, been reconciled, however certain major areas still need further clarification in the proposed next round to be held in the fall of this year. It is anticipated that the next round will be held in the United States. The past two negotiations were held in Saipan, consequently the United States Delegation is encouraging the Commission to hold the next round in the United States preferably in Washington D. C., Hawaii, or Guam. As of this time it would appear the most favorable alternatives would be either Washington D. C.

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or Hawaii. In reference to the areas of agreement in Economics and Finance a great amount of work still lies ahead. The last area of endeavour, Land and Military problems, as you can see by the Position Papers, leaves many areas still to be negotiated.

Work in preparation for this next round of negotiations is presently being developed, amplified, and reviewed by our consultants in Washington and Saipan. James R. Leonard Associates, Inc. has recently had three of its economists and planners in the Marianas for purposes of developing material for adequate presentation and justification at the next session. The Law firm of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, represented by Howard P. Willen, Esquire, has been reviewing many of the more specific questions left open in reference to the Political Status question, and also making our presence known to United States Congressional leaders and other members of the Executive Branch of the United States Government. In both of the above stated areas the consultants have been in close coordination and contact with myself and our Executive Director for purposes of additional input and developments, specifically related to the local scene.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially compliment all the members of the Marianas Political Status Commission along with the staff and consultants for the excellent results that have been forthcoming to date. I feel the work product as enclosed herein is statement enough to the spirit of cooperation and work that has been the guiding light of our Commission from the beginning. I feel confident that the future will be just as productive as the past and look forward to the next round of negotiations as a large stepping stone towards an initial agreement in all general areas with the possibility of setting up a Constitutional Convention in the not too distant future. Enclosed for your review is a financial statement showing our present funding and expenditures to date. Additionally enclosed is our estimated financial requirements between now and the February session of 1974. The funding, although somewhat increased for the next six month period relates to the intensified effort that the Commission is pursuing in reference to these negotiations. All the members of this Commission, as well as myself and the staff, will make ourselves available for any questions the District Legislature may have. Thank you very much for your consideration of our situation.

Sincerely yours

Edward DLG. Pangelinan, Chairman
Marianas Political Status Commission.

Enclosures.

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MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION

ESTIMATED BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

From Present To February, 1974.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering (Legal Consultants)	\$50,000.00	
James Leonard Associates, Inc. (Economic and Financial Consultants)	35,000.00	
James E. White (Executive Director)	8,000.00	

COMPENSATION:

Members of Commission	15,000.00	
Staff (secretarial services)	1,500.00	

OFFICE:

Supplies	500.00	110,000.00
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TRAVEL AND PER DIEM:

a) Five weeks in United States the full Commission and Staff:		
Per Diem	24,500.00	
Travel	16,000.00	
* SEE NOTE 1.		
b) Two weeks in Far East Military and Lands Committee:		
Per Diem	2,450.00	
Travel	3,000.00	
* SEE NOTE 2.		
c) Two weeks in Far East Economics and Finance Committee:		
Per Diem	2,450.00	
Travel	3,000.00	
* SEE NOTE 3.		
d) Taxi and U-Drive	2,000.00	
e) Miscellaneous	1,600.00	55,000.00

<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET:</u>		<u>165,000.00</u>
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*PLEASE REFER TO NOTES ON ATTACHED PAGE.

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NOTES:

- 1) The per diem is based on twenty individuals for five weeks at \$35.00 per person per day. The travel expense is estimated at \$800.00 per person for the twenty individuals.

- 2) The per diem is based on five individuals for two weeks at \$35.00 per person per day. The travel expense is estimated at \$600.00 per person for the five individuals.

- 3) The per diem is based on five individuals for two weeks at \$35.00 per person per day. The travel expense is estimated at \$600.00 per person for the five individuals.