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Mr. Francisco C. Ada
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Dear Frank:

At the May-June negotiating session on the future political status of the Mariana Islands both sides agreed to the establishment of a joint economic and finance working group to study in greater depth and with more precision the financial needs of the Mariana Islands in the period following a change in status.

Mr. Solomon Silver, a former U.S. Government employee has joined my staff to provide advice on this facet of our task. He will work closely with representatives of the Marianas and Trust Territory Governments in order to develop reasonable estimates of the financial requirements and to exchange views on procedures.

He is meeting in Washington with Messrs. Willens and Leonard on August 24 and will be arriving in Saipan on September 4, for a stay of ten days to two weeks to review the details of the planning requirements for current operations and capital improvement projects in Phase II. He will want to discuss with you, your plans for future social and economic infrastructure improvement projects as they relate to the economic development of the Mariana Islands.

I feel certain you will find Mr. Silver both knowledgeable and understanding. He has spent virtually his entire government career in the field of foreign economic assistance and was a senior official in the Agency for International Development until his retirement last year. Needless to say, the success of his mission will be in our common interest.

I am writing to the High Commissioner also, advising him of Mr. Silver's arrival.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
For Micronesian Status Negotiations

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