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Dear Howard:

I regret the belated response to the many memoranda that you have been forwarding to me. I appreciate the courtesy of keeping me informed of the work that you have been undertaking for the Commission in Washington.

The Mariana Islands District Legislature approved this morning a supplemental appropriation of \$95,000.00 for the Status Commission. This amount falls short of our projected budget requirement to perform the many activities of the Commission, but the Legislature just lacked the funds to meet our request. The appropriation measure will be forwarded soon to the District Administrator for his signature. I am hopeful that the measure will be approved by the District Administrator. I hope that within a few weeks the Commission will be in a position to honor its outstanding bills from your law firm.

Ambassador William made a short stop on Saipan last week on his way to the Far East on the Asia Foundation Tour. The members of the Marianas Political Status Commission and the District Legislature met the Ambassador in joint meeting to hear a briefing on the activities of the U. S. Delegation since the adjournment of our last negotiation. Considerable time was devoted in hearing the Ambassador defend the decision to impose the current moratorium on economic development and the homesteading program on Tinian. After the joint meeting, President Santos and I met the Ambassador to discuss the work that had to be performed by both delegations before the next negotiation and, in particular, the site and date for our next session of

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negotiations. We have reached a tentative understanding that the round would be held on Saipan again sometime after mid-November. I would appreciate your views on this matter, in particular, whether the tentative date would not conflict with your other commitments.

Mr. Sol Silver, whom you mentioned in your memorandum of August 24, has arrived on Saipan and will be meeting with me and certain members of the Commission sometimes this week.

For your information, the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia has also set a tentative date for its meeting with the U. S. Delegation to be held sometime in late October.

I am most impressed with the legal projects that your firm is undertaking for our Commission. I am hopeful that the next round of negotiations will be as productive as the last.

Kindly convey my greetings to Jay, Barry and our friends at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. Extend my best wishes to Susan and the family.

Sincerely yours,



Edward DLG. Pangelinan