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Mr. Sol Silver
Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations
Department of Interior
Office of Secretary Room 3356
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Sol:

It occurred to me that it might expedite our work if I passed along in writing some of the thoughts I expressed to you on the telephone. In particular, a detailed line by line, page by page discussion of the MPSC working paper on planning is probably not possible given our agreed upon work schedule. If we are to accomplish our work in the short time remaining, it seems to me that we must quickly identify the broad areas of agreement and disagreement, and leave minor disagreements to be worked out later.

While we welcome any general comments you may have, as an operating procedure, I suggest that you might evaluate our scope of work in terms of the major planning tasks we propose, and our work programs in terms of the general approach we have selected. If you disagree with the tasks or the approach, we would appreciate your thoughts as to specific modifications and changes which might be made. Needless to say, our willingness to modify our proposal will depend on the alternatives you suggest and our judgement as to how well they will serve our requirements for local control of an integrated and coordinated comprehensive planning effort.

If you have any questions or thoughts you would like for me to consider prior to our meeting on October 5, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

James R. Leonard

cc:

Mr. Willens