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Mr. Jack Weiss  
c/o. Senator J. Bennett Johnston's  
Room 432  
Old Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jack:

Since our conversation last summer regarding the negotiations between the United States and the Mariana Islands, we have prepared a memorandum attempting to provide some background regarding these negotiations and to summarize the issues being discussed between the parties. Since your office has a clear interest in this matter, I am taking the liberty of enclosing two copies of the memorandum for your use. If you would like additional copies, please let me know.

My latest information is that the next session of negotiations will be scheduled for either late November or early December in Saipan. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with Senator Johnston in advance of these negotiations to discuss the subjects covered in the enclosed memorandum and to answer any questions which he or other members of the Senate Subcommittee may have regarding the position of the Marianas Political Status Commission. Please let me know if you think that such a meeting would be mutually productive.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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