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Dear Sol:

We have finally completed our work relating to a proposed government/legal planning program for the Marianas to be considered as part of Phase I. I am enclosing a copy of this document for your review.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal with you in some detail before the next session of negotiations. I hope that such a discussion can take place within the Economic/Financial Support Working Group before you firm up your views completely with respect to the scope of Phase I planning which you believe should be supported by the United States. Because Jim Leonard has been out of town for several days, I have not had an opportunity recently to discuss the possibility of another meeting of the working group with him. I expect, however, that he shares my views that another meeting of the working group, preferably next week, would be in our mutual interests.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter and the proposed government planning program to Adrian de Graffenried, since I expect that you may wish to discuss it with him. Please let me or Jim Leonard

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know your thoughts as to the possibility of another meeting of the working group.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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