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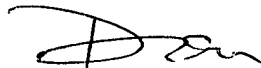
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Dear Howard:

I am giving some thought to going to Micronesia again sometime ~~soon~~ soon--perhaps tied in with the ~~the~~ Marianas ~~status~~ status conference which is to begin on Dec. 6. I'd like to know your advance guess on a couple things--1. how long do you think this will last, two or three days, a week or what? 2. will anything specific come out of this round, or only a ~~thing~~ "to be continued" sort of thing? This is not for publication but my planning.

I presume you're coming out. Are you bringing Susan and planning to try to ~~be~~ get to Tokyo again???

All the best,



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Dear Don:

In answer to your questions, I expect that the Marianas status negotiations will last for approximately two weeks, they had better not extend further because I have return reservations on December 20.

Second, I expect that many specific agreements will emerge from the session but I am not sure whether such agreements will be arrived at in the areas which might be of the greatest interest to the public, namely, the extent and terms on which land is made available to the United States for military purposes on Tinian. There is considerable pressure on both delegations, however, to keep these negotiations moving and it is possible, therefore, that my client may have to bite this particular bullet earlier than might be his preference.

I will be traveling alone this time since Susan is busy at American University and at home. Although you are not quite an appropriate substitute, I look forward to seeing you in Saipan in any event.

Very sincerely,