

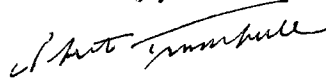
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Dear Mr. Willens:

Many thanks for sending the informative background memorandum on the Marianas negotiations. I have a very deep interest in the subject, and I do know more about it than there was space for in the Times article of November 4. I am glad to have your very well done backgrounder for future reference, although I regret to say that with my transfer to Ottawa at the end of this year, responsibility for Micronesia will be turned over to our good correspondent in Tokyo, Richard Halloran.

Sincerely,



Robert Truncull