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MEMORANDUM TO THE MPSC APPLICABILITY OF LAWS FILE

Subject: Contacts at Interior and Hill

I spoke this morning with Mr. Martin, Consultant to the Office of Territorial Affairs (343-6973) about the reports that the Interior Department would be meeting with representatives from Guam about the applicability of laws. He told me the meeting would probably take place in late February, at the convenience of the Guamanians who would be coming to Washington anyway to testify in support of a request for \$43 million for sewage treatment; that it would be informal, intended to open a dialogue; that there were no position papers or other information he could give me concerning the talks; and, generally, that the whole thing was "amorphous" at this point. He thought that the topics of discussion would include: Jones Act, ways to influence carrier rates and schedules, minimum wage laws, immigration laws.

I talked this afternoon with George Eustaquio, Won Pat's A.A. (225-1188). He told me that members of the Guam Political Status Commission would be coming to Washington to discuss labor and maritime laws, but he didn't know when. I am to call him Friday, December 21, to set up a lunch -- which should include at least Jay -- to chat about our negotiations and applicability of laws problems generally in Guam.

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