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The Honorable Edward DLG. Pangelinan
Chairman, Marianas Future Status
Commission

MARIANAS DISTRICT

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

MARSHALLS DISTRICT

Ataji Balos
Charles Domnick
John Heine
Ekpap Silk

I write to you with regard to our personal conversation recently concerning a December 20, 1973 response by Mr. James Wilson to my letter of December 19, 1973.

PALAU DISTRICT

Polycarp Basillus
Tarkong Pedro
Timothy Olkeriil

While not a member of the Marianas Future Status Commission you can be sure that as a citizen of the Marianas and as a member of the Congress of Micronesia that I am duly concerned about the future of our islands and that I entirely support you, the other members of the Commission and your work.

PONAPE DISTRICT

Bethwel Henry
Resio Moses
Sungiwo Hadley
Joab Sigrah

Consequently I wish to take exception to the remarks made by Mr. Wilson in his letter, a copy of which is attached.

TRUK DISTRICT

Endy Dois
Sasauo Haruo
Masao Nakayama
Raymond Setik
Machime O'Sonis

In particular I wish to protest his intimation that I did not wish to become a member of the American political family. Such is not the case and should have been made clear in the closing sentences of my letter to him--if it was not the night of his untoward behavior. I reiterate that he imposed his presence and views upon me--and not the reverse. I further charge--again as it should have been clear in my letter--that my remarks to him concerning the subject area dealt with him as being representative of the approach of the U.S. delegation. Furthermore, since I am not a member of the Commission, Wilson's comment implying that I should get of the talks is revealed as nonsensical.

YAP DISTRICT

Luke Tman
John Rugullmar

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I also find myself somewhat more than slightly exasperated by the fact that Wilson did not have the courtesy to indicate to whom he was sending copies of his letter as I did on my letter. This, if nothing else, should indicate that his reply was formulated with the intention of discrediting me and twisting the tale of events to his benefit. While I tried to be kind in my recounting of our conversation of that evening, the plain fact is that Wilson was drunk. His intoxication exacerbated his arrogance to the point of intolerance. Hopefully his superiors will see fit to remove this obnoxious person from his most sensitive post because, as I stated in my letter:

"It would be unfortunate if any misunderstanding from this incident were allowed to mar in any way what I believe to be the pleasant and useful relations between the United States and Micronesia--especially the Marianas District. I look forward to their continuation for the mutual benefit of our respective countries."

I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to those persons who received copies of Wilson's letter--at least to those of which I am at this time aware.

Sincerely yours,


Felipe Q. Atalig
Representative, Marianas District

cc: Ambassador F. Haydn Williams
Speaker Harry Cruz, Tinian Council
Mayor Antonio Borja, Tinian
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All members, Marianas Future Status Commission
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Secretary of the Interior
Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
James Wilson

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